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FOR DERBY DIE-HARDS

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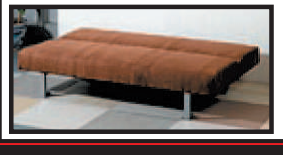
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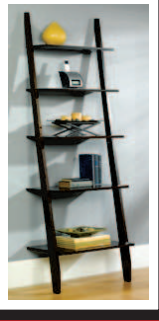

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President Obama shakes hands with Speaker of the House John Boehner on Thursday before Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress. REUTERS

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Highlights of the Obama package

- Nearly $250 billion in tax relief for individuals and businesses through tax credits and a variety of tax cuts.
- $140 billion to upgrade roads, bridges and schools.
- $35 billion to help keep teachers, police and firefighters on the job.
- Extending and expanding a payroll tax cut that would save the typical American family $1,500 in taxes in 2012.
- A payroll tax "holiday" for employers on any new hires or wages.
- Cut the payroll tax in half for businesses with payrolls of less than $5 million. MCT

'You should pass this'

Obama pitches $447 billion jobs bill to Congress

Reuters

President Obama laid out a $447 billion jobs package of tax cuts and government spending on Thursday that will be critical to his re-election chances, but he faces an uphill fight with Republicans.

With his poll numbers at new lows amid voter frustration with 9.1 percent unemployment, Obama said in a high-stakes address to Congress that the U.S. is in a "national crisis" and called for urgent action on sweeping proposals to revive the stalled economy and avert another recession.

"Those of us here tonight can't solve all of our nation's woes," Obama said in a nationally televised prime-time speech. "But we can help. We can make a difference. There are steps we can take right now to improve people's lives."

Taking aim at Republicans who have consistently opposed his initiatives, Obama said it was time to "stop the political circus and actually do something to help the economy."

Obama, who pushed through an $800 billion economic stimulus package in 2009, said his jobs plan would cut taxes for workers and businesses and put more construction workers and teachers on the job through infrastructure projects.

"It will provide a tax break for companies who hire new workers and it will cut payroll taxes in half for every working American and every small business," he said.

Obama is seeking to seize the initiative in his bitter ideological battle with Republicans, ease mounting doubts about his economic leadership and turn around his presidency just 14 months before voters decide whether to give him a second term.

Obama wants Congress to pass his "American Jobs Act"—which administration officials said would cost $447 billion—by the end of this year and offset the cost with deficit cuts.

"You should pass this jobs plan right away," he said in a speech interrupted by applause from his fellow Democrats while Republicans sat mostly in silence.

But a deal may be hard to achieve with politicians already focusing on the presidential and congressional elections in November 2012.

Security precautions in wake of threat report

Reuters

President Obama on Wednesday ordered a redoubling of counter-terrorism efforts in the face of a "credible but unconfirmed" threat ahead of the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

U.S. officials, speaking to Reuters on condition of anonymity, said the threat involved Washington, D.C., and New York City—the sites involved in the attacks a decade ago Sunday that killed nearly 3,000 people.

But the officials used strong caveats when discussing the threat information privately, with a national security official cautioning that experts thought the threat would ultimately not check out.

The White House said Obama was briefed on specific threat information Thursday morning, and noted that the U.S. government had already "enhanced its security posture" ahead of the anniversary.

"Nevertheless, the president directed the counterterrorism community to redouble its efforts in response to this credible but unconfirmed information," a White House official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Department of Homeland Security, which said only last week that there was no credible information that al-Qaida was plotting an attack around the 9/11 anniversary, declined to offer details on the threat.

It cautioned that there always were threat reports before important dates such as the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Airplanes, pants and other matters

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Looks like there's a new "Project Runway," but it ain't airing on Lifetime.

It's taking place on the tarmac.

Airlines—from JetBlue to US Airways to the typically customer-centric Southwest—are taking action against passengers they deem dressed inappropriately.

In the cross hairs: Saggy pants, aka pants on the ground, the sworn enemy of human "American Idol" outtake General Larry Platt.

Last weekend, Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong was booted from a Southwest flight because his pants were sagging too low, according to The Associated Press, which quoted Armstrong as tweeting the following reaction: "What the ****? No joke."

Almost as high profile is the plight of a University of New Mexico football player, escorted off a US Airways flight in June for allegedly rebuffing a flight attendant's request to hike up his loose-fitting pants.

But even if your trouser waistband is around your actual waist, there are no guarantees you'll escape this silly scrutiny.

In July, a New York woman filed a lawsuit against JetBlue after she was removed from a flight under suspicion she wasn't wearing panties, according to the New York Daily News. (Somewhere, commando-loving "Seinfeld" character Cosmo Kramer is weeping.)

"It was really crazy," Malinda Knowles, a financial consultant, told the Daily News of the July incident. "I've never had a corporate employee ask me about my underwear."

TALK TO US

Are airline officials going too far? How do you feel about passengers being booted for too-short shorts or sagging pants? Tell me by sending an email to **kkyles@tribune.com** and please include your full name, age and neighborhood in case we can run your comment in reader letters.

And really, that corporate employee ought to be ashamed if Knowles' account is accurate, especially since TSA had no apparent issue with her attire.

This intrusive, seemingly schoolmarmish activity doesn't seem to serve much of a purpose. According to an air travel expert, only the most extreme of saggy pants could even qualify as a safety issue.

"If your pants are actually falling down, you could not only trip, but trip other people and cause a pile-up," said Courtney Caldwell, editor-in-chief of Road & Travel Magazine.

Fair enough, but what about the case of the (accused) commando from JetBlue?

"Now that was inappropriate," Caldwell said. "I don't believe they have the right to do that. ... As long as you are clothed, you have every right to wear what you want. You have men that wear T-shirts on flights that have moobs, you know man boobs. Now they should be put off the flight."

All jokes aside, we clearly don't need to give the in-flight fashion police any more ideas. I hate moobs and butt-baring POTG as much as the next traveler, but as long as the offending passengers aren't staging an uprising or blocking the aisles, they should be left alone.

I don't know about you, but I prefer my "Project Runway" on Thursday nights, preferably featuring Tim Gunn.

> But even if your trouser waistband is around your actual waist, there are no guarantees you'll escape this silly scrutiny.

CORRECTION

In a sports story Thursday, RedEye incorrectly identified the team Adam Burish captained. He was captain of the Wisconsin Badgers' hockey team.

DAILY DEBATE

OBAMA'S SPEECH

Jobs, jobs, jobs

What was your take on President Obama's speech to Congress? We asked RedEye's contributing columnists.

And with three easy payments of a trillion dollars, you too can have a job!
—Connie Reyes

So more spending? Hasn't worked yet but we'll double down anyway and cross our fingers!
—John Giokaris

Obama still faces a zero-sum opposition party that doesn't acknowledge reality. Good luck with that.
—Stephen Markley

Obama has a way with words, but you can show me better than you can tell me.
— Lenox Magee

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LESSONS FROM MILEY CYRUS

Earlier this week, I had the great fortune of eating dinner with—and then dancing with—Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus at a swanky event. (You can read about the experience at **redeyechicago.com/remix**.) While I do meet a lot of cool folks in my line of work, it's still a rare occurrence to dine with celebs. How did this happen? I don't entirely know why I was seated at their table, but I have some theories. Upon reflection, here are the lessons I'm taking away from the night.

1 Be nice to everyone you meet. I'm guessing I didn't randomly get that table assignment. Maybe I did. But I know that acting Hollywood didn't get me there, or anywhere actually.

2 Stop giving a [bleep] about things like celebrity status. Talk to a famous person like he or she is your buddy's college roommate. Challenge a celeb to a dance-off. Relax and be yourself because gawking will get you nowhere.

3 Don't be "thirsty." Thirsty in this case means starved for attention/importance. Think about the guy/girl who's always trying to social climb or wants something from you without ever helping you. It's transparent, and everyone knows what you're doing.

4 Being super shy gets you nowhere. Speak up! You never know what kinds of cool people and stories you're missing out on.

5 Don't drink a ton on a Wednesday night. Self-explanatory.

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AMERICA IN A MUCH DIFFERENT PLACE

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The day began in clear blue skies, but soon whipsawed into a decade of war, economic meltdown and deep political division.

Ten years after extremist Islamic terrorists hijacked passenger jets and crashed them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, the America that emerged from the smoke and rubble was in some ways a very different country.

How different?

Nearly 3,000 people died on 9/11. The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that followed have so far claimed 6,000 American lives and tens of thousands of civilians in those Middle Eastern countries. Military suicides are at record levels. Another 45,000 U.S. troops have been wounded, some in devastating ways, and will forever bear the scars of their service.

The country is spent—emotionally and fiscally. The wars have cost more than $1 trillion, all on credit, and that's come back to haunt us.

"Lots of kids ran down to the recruiting office," said Paul Rieckhoff, who led an infantry platoon in Iraq and now is executive director of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, a nonpartisan activist group.

"I don't think they thought they'd do five tours and come home to find an unprepared VA [Veterans Affairs Department] and unprepared work environment."

The wars took their toll in other ways as well. The invasion of Iraq became shrouded in a fog of questionable motives. The war in Afghanistan, where the 9/11 plot was hatched, turned into a sideshow.

The twin towers of the World Trade Center pour smoke in New York on Sept. 11, 2001.
REUTERS FILE

Then just months after combat in Iraq began in 2003, former President George W. Bush declared "mission accomplished." Yet the fighting continued for years. Casualties mounted, as did mistrust and cynicism over the entire undertaking.

"When there are wars being fought and a sense of purpose has not been clear to the public, with problems being so complex, people do lose their trust in leadership," presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said.

Though the dots didn't all connect, 9/11 for many became a lens for viewing everything that came after: The wars, a sagging economy, the social and cultural rancor. They provided coherence to the notion that the day was a

REMEMBERING 9/11

Reflections

Not since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy has the country had a moment so impactful that everyone remembers it as if it were yesterday. Ninety-seven percent of people who were at least 8 years old on Sept. 11, 2001, remember exactly where they were at the time of the event, according to a Pew research survey this month. REDEYE

The news was broadcast, and it was a frenzy, and everyone started to turn on the TV. And everything kinda stopped.

—**Laura Pekarik,** 25, Lombard

I was in fifth grade. I was 11 years old. It was like, in the middle of a lesson. The teacher was like, "Oh my God, everybody stay calm, but we just had a terrorist attack." Moments later, they just rolled in with a TV and we were watching it live.

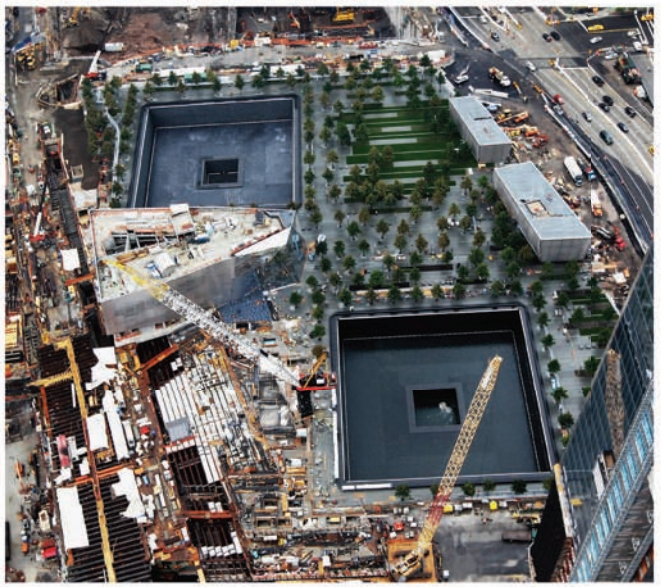
—**Jordan Rodriguez**, 21, Logan Square

I just couldn't believe it. It was so surreal.

—**Maisha Wynn**, 30s, River North

The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses Sept. 11, 2001. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

Left: The rubble smolders after the collapse of the World Trade Center. GETTY IMAGES FILE



Below: Construction continues Aug. 25 on the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center site. GETTY IMAGES

point of change.

America long has been "deeply divided on who it is and where we should go and what our priorities should be," said Richard Land, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. "I think 9/11 has probably sharpened it and perhaps revealed those divisions."

Resentments festered. Fringe issues became mainstream. Decorum disappeared.

"You lie!" a congressman shouted at President Obama during a speech. Critics questioned the president's citizenship and warned that "death panels" in his health reform plan would decide the fate of the elderly. Lawmakers worried inexplicably that Islamic religious law, or Sharia, might gain a foothold.

"It just seems as if the post-9/11 world has been a world in which our country seems to show itself as not very good in solving problems anymore," historian Michael Kazin of Georgetown University said. "Both parties reflect this sense that America is not working very well, that we're not able to set goals and achieve them."

A brief moment of national unity did occur in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. The country became a tapestry of shared grief. Leaders spoke with one voice.

"There was this sense there would be this profound change for the better," documentary filmmaker Ken Burns said. "Americans were coming together in an unusually powerful way ... in the ashes. We live in a bittersweet memory of that collective tragedy and collective possibility. It hasn't been the same since."

It only unifies us, to be honest, since then. As a whole, as a country, I believe certain things, like racism—which is still a huge topic—but the thing is, it's not that big of a big issue as it was once before. I think it only brought us together that much more.

—**Dontae Howell,** 23, West Garfield Park

It touched me, because it was my first, it was my first real encounter with death on a large scale.

—**Morgan Hartley,** 21, Hyde Park

Everyone was just glued to the TV watching the events as they unfolded. I think at the time it wasn't clear that it was an attack. ... I think most of us were just kinda confused and assuming it was an accident because that kind of thing is not something that you assume happens normally.

—**Michael Park,** 27, New Jersey

9/11 EVENTS IN CHICAGO

Chicago Tribune

» The Chicago Field Museum is running a special exhibit, Ground Zero 360, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the attacks. 9 a.m. daily through Jan. 2, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. Free with basic museum admission of $15 ($10 for children ages 3 to 11).

» Religious leaders will hold an interfaith gathering to remember victims, recognize the responders and renew a commitment to work for a better future. 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St.

» Loyola's School of Social Work and the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis will hold a day-long conference titled "The Trauma and Terror of 9/11: 10 Years Later" at Loyola University Chicago's Water Tower Campus, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, 820 N. Michigan Ave.

» Eucharistic liturgy to commemorate the anniversary at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Madonna della Strada Chapel on Loyola University Chicago's Lake Shore Campus, 1032 W. Sheridan Road. Candlelight vigil commemoration, 8 p.m., East Quad.

» A memorial service, sponsored by the Canaryville Veterans Association, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, courtyard of St. Gabriel Church, 4522 S. Wallace St.

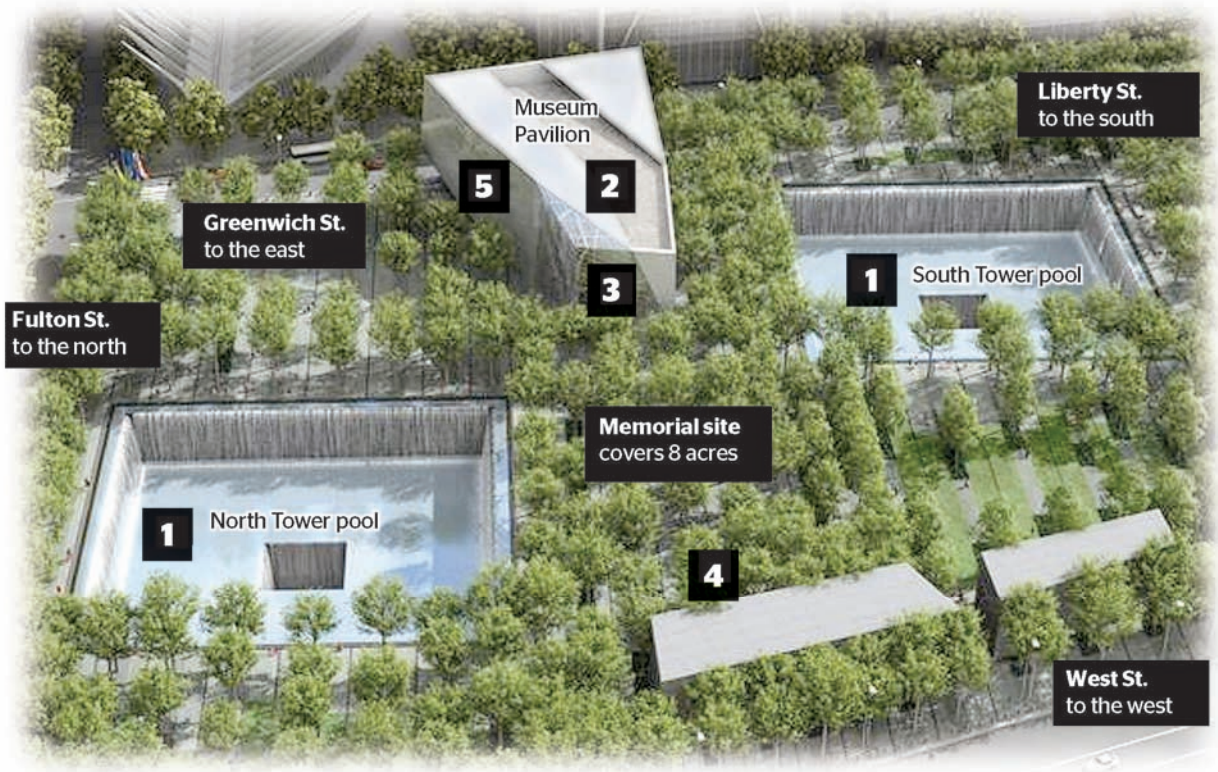
» Fulcrum Point New Music Project will present "9/11: 10 Years and Beyond." Between music numbers, faith leaders will give readings, chants and invocations. 3 p.m. Sunday, Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph St. $10; $5 for students, Chicago police officers, firefighters and family members.

» A discussion of 9/11 and its aftermath at 9 a.m. Monday, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St.

MORE ONLINE
See the video of young Chicagoans recounting their 9/11 memories at **redeyechicago.com.**

HONORING TERROR'S VICTIMS

After a decade of work to reclaim the site in lower Manhattan where the U.S. was attacked Sept. 11, 2001, significant progress is on display in the form of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, which will be the emotional center of the rebuilt site.

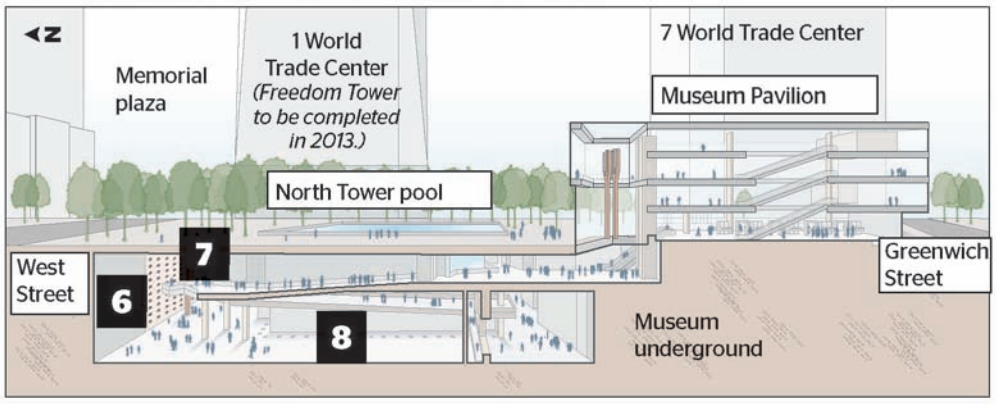


Another view

» Cross-section of site, looking north

» Exhibits presented both above and below ground

» Lowest point of interior is about 70 feet below street level



Details of the memorial site

Reflecting pools

1 Two massive pools with waterfalls around the inner sides are positioned in the footprints of the former towers; each pool holds 480,000 gallons of water and takes about 15 hours to fill; each is lined with 1,900 granite tiles.

9/11 Museum Pavilion

2 This new building serves as the entry to the underground museum via a series of slowly descending ramps; a glass-covered atrium facing the North Tower pool lets site visitors see inside and visitors inside can see the plaza area.

Tridents

3 Inside the atrium, two distinctive exterior columns from the old towers will serve as reminders of the huge scale of the fallen buildings.

Trees

4 More than 400 white swamp oak and American sweet gum trees have been planted in the plaza in a mixture of soil and gravel designed to promote healthy root growth.

Victims remembrance

5 A "Wall of Faces" displays photos of victims from 1993 and 2001; interactive tables and wall displays offer information about each person, including remembrances by friends and family.

Slurry wall

6 Lining portions of the underground exhibit area are exposed sections of the slurry wall, the barrier originally built to line the sunken "bathtub" in which the WTC was built; the wall keeps Hudson River waters from seeping in.

Last column

7 The west chamber of the below-ground exhibit area contains the last steel column removed from the WTC site, covered with tributes from construction crews.

South Tower column footings

8 At the bedrock level of the museum, about 70 feet below street level, is an array of the original box-beam column footings from the missing towers, another reminder of them.

REMEMBERING 9/11

I remember my sister waking me up, turned on the news for me. And it was like, it was still a dream. It was unbelievable at the time.

—**Chris Gaines**, 29, Bronzeville

It just makes me not take my freedoms for granted, and it makes me get an overall perspective of what other countries and other cultures think about U.S. culture.

—**Bill Bakos**, 30, Roscoe Village

I was actually in New York on a band trip—I was playing cello and checking out colleges to play cello. ... There was like, commotion, but nobody really noticed ... until they started looking in the general direction, and it was like, "Oh my gosh, that's what's happening over there."

—**Catherine Litaker**, 33, Rogers Park

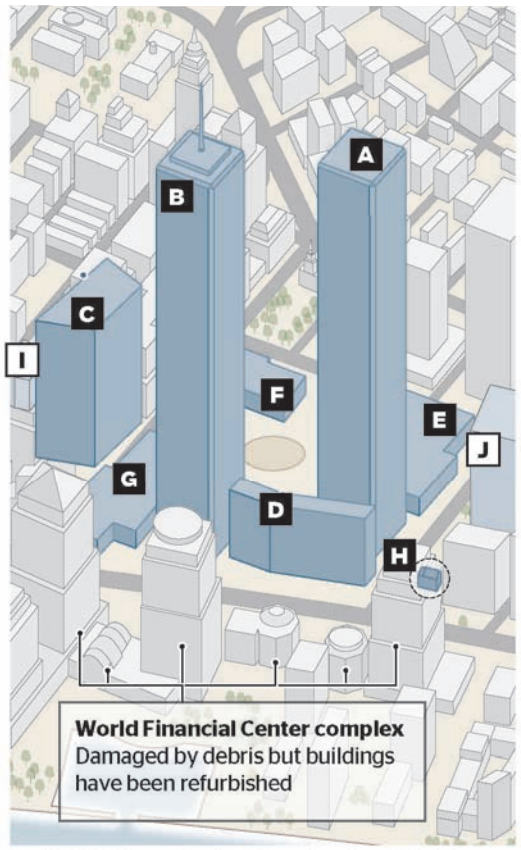
OFFICE BUILDINGS, BEFORE AND AFTER

After working 24 hours a day for more than eight months, in spring 2002 workers finally finished dismantling the wreckage left by the attacks. But plans for new office buildings, such as those for the memorial itself, have been slowed by controversy over design and disagreements between the Port Authority and Silverstein Properties. Work on a series of new towers now is progressing.

Before 9/11

■ Buildings destroyed in the 9/11 attacks (or that collapsed or were deliberately demolished later)

□ Buildings badly damaged on 9/11 (and deconstructed later)



A World Trade Center South Tower (also known as 2 WTC; opened in 1971); struck by United Airlines Flight 175; collapsed at 9:59 a.m.; debris severely damaged other buildings

B World Trade Center North Tower (also known as 1 WTC; opened in 1970); struck by American Airlines Flight 11; collapsed at 10:28 a.m.

C 7 World Trade Center (opened in 1987); damaged and set afire by debris from 1 WTC; collapsed at 5:20 p.m.

D 3 World Trade Center (opened in 1981, housed a Marriott hotel); nearly totally destroyed by debris from both towers; remnants torn down

E 4 World Trade Center (opened in 1975); damaged by debris from 2 WTC; remnants torn down

F 5 World Trade Center (opened in 1975); damaged by debris from 1 WTC; remnants torn down

G 6 World Trade Center (opened in 1975); damaged by debris from 1 WTC; remnants torn down

H St. Nicholas Church (opened in 1916, building dated to 1832); destroyed by debris from 2 WTC

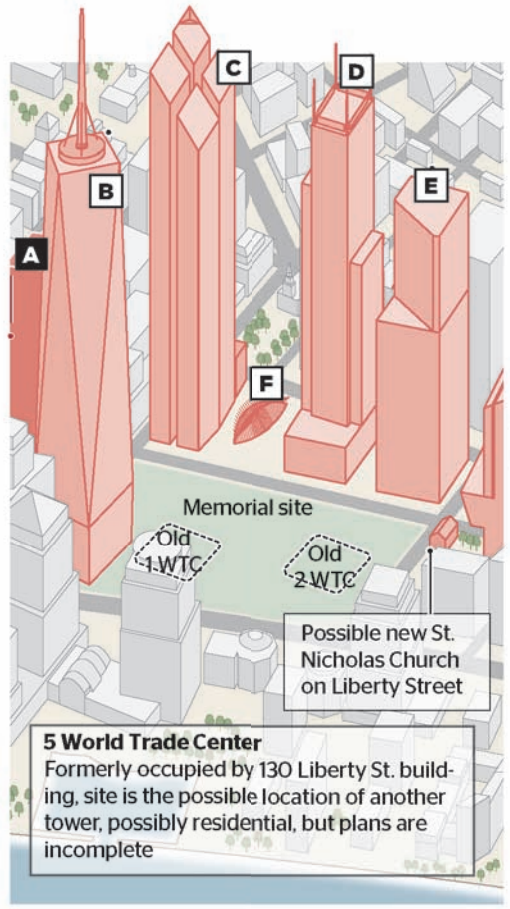
I Fiterman Hall (building dated to 1959); damaged by debris from 1 WTC; deconstruction finished November 2009

J 130 Liberty St. (building dated to 1974); damaged by debris from 2 WTC; deconstruction finished February 2011

After 9/11

■ Completed

□ Under construction



A **7 World Trade Center**
» Construction began in 2002, completed in 2006; controlled by Silverstein
» Floors: 52
» Height: 741 feet

B **1 World Trade Center** (also known as Freedom Tower)
» Construction began in 2006; controlled by Port Authority, centerpiece of WTC rebuilding effort
» Floors: 105
» Height: 1,776 feet to top of spire, 1,368 feet to top of roof
» Completion: 2013

C **2 World Trade Center**
» Controlled by Silverstein
» Floors: 79
» Height: 1,270 feet
» Completion: 2014

D **3 World Trade Center**
» Controlled by Silverstein
» Floors: 71
» Height: 1,155 feet
» Completion: 2014

E **4 World Trade Center**
» Controlled by Silverstein
» Floors: 64
» Height: 974 feet
» Completion: 2012

F New PATH train terminal
• Replaces temporary terminal; links PATH trains to New York City subway.
Completion: 2014

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I was in high school physics class, in the morning, and we had lab that day actually. And I remember the teacher coming in and saying, "Something's happened, a plane has crashed in New York," or something like that. And none of us knew exactly what was going on.

—**Sean Couch**, 27, Hyde Park

That event brought everyone together. We were no longer focused on our differences. Different color of our skin, different likes or anything, but it was just for that one moment, for that one period of time.

—**Stephanie Herrera**, 20, Little Village

For me personally, it was definitely one of the reasons I enlisted in the military when I did. I felt like I should put something forth, obviously, from that perspective, from the fact that someone tried to attack the country I live in.

—**Zachary Edelstein**, 25, Arlington Heights

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ten years later

A flight attendant's story from Sept. 11

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As the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 approaches, it's easy to see it as the event that has shaped politics and the direction of our country, for good and bad, for an entire generation. For me—like for thousands of others—it also was a life-changing experience that is not easily boiled down to a bumper sticker or a stump speech talking point.

I was a flight attendant and was in the air that morning, working a flight from New York City to Florida. I worked for an airline that has live TVs in every seat, so we were some of the few people in the air who actually watched the horrors of that day unfold live.

It all started normally enough. The crew of six met for the early-morning flight, expecting a short trip to Tampa, Fla., and back. The plane was full and we had a quiet, low-key service, chatting with the few passengers who were awake.

Then it happened.

We heard a murmur pass through the cabin and then dozens of attendant call buttons went off. We ran into the cabin to find passengers crying and asking us what was going on. The crew had no idea (we don't have TVs in our galleys), so we sat with the passengers and watched in horror as the news came in: A plane had crashed into the World Trade Center.

We were almost ready to start our descent when the entire plane seemed to scream at one time. A second plane had hit. This was a terrorist attack.

The crew went into crowd control mode as we were told by the pilots that we were being ordered to land immediately. The plane went into a sharp descent, and we worked to calm passengers while at the same time arming ourselves with whatever we could—coffee pots, fire extinguishers—in case we had hijackers on board.

After landing safely and unloading passengers, our little crew of six sat on the empty plane, holding hands and watching in shock as reports came in of other planes crashing and the towers falling.

When I got back to New York, I attended vigils for the victims, including my fellow flight attendants. (I did not work for an airline that was hijacked.) I cried and waved as first responders and firefighters drove by to help in the recovery effort. I looked for the faces of friends in the thousands of missing persons fliers that were posted around the city. I continued to work on nearly empty planes, the whole time fearing it could happen again. It actually played a huge part in my decision to leave the industry a few years later.

To me, 9/11 was a very personal experience. It brought me closer to friends and family and made me realize what was important to me, forever changing the direction my life took. That's why it saddens me as I watch politicians use the tragedy as a "call to action" or as an excuse to chip away at personal freedoms and rights.

Instead of coming together as a country, it seems we entered into a time that is more distrustful and divided than ever, throwing around terms such as "unpatriotic" or "real Americans" with impunity. That day changed so much and shaped our politics for generations to come. It remains to be seen if we can learn and grow from it or simply stagnate in fear and divisions.

Perhaps the 10th anniversary is the time to truly reflect and move forward.

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8 WRIGLEYVILLE
Pabst Brewing Company, the makers of Old Style and Old Style Light, announced a deal Wednesday that would keep the brew at Wrigley for the 2012 and 2013 seasons.

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9 GOLD COAST
Chic British clothing retailer Topshop rolled out the red carpet this week for its opening on chic Michigan Avenue. Miley Cyrus was on hand at the retailer's launch party Wednesday at Paris Club.

WEST LOOP

Super, thanks for asking

1 This week, it was all about the "Man of Steel" as the Superman reboot started filming in Chicago proper.

According to Crains, the Willis Tower will serve as the interior of the Daily Planet, where Clark Kent works as a reporter. A security guard confirmed to the Tribune that the movie was filming inside the building this week.

Meanwhile, there were reports from various outlets about the top-secret project. Crains had the Daily Planet intel, while a CBS cameraman spotted Laurence Fishburne downtown. Also seen this week near the Willis Tower: A clothing rack with a sign reading "School Bus 1992." A clue to the movie's plot? A red herring? Hard to say. Details were scarce about the movie's tightly (Get it? Tights?) guarded deets.

2 BOYSTOWN
Dozens of Boystown residents have been looking for new homes this week after a fire ravaged their building at North Fremont Street and West Cornelia Avenue on Saturday. Officials say the blaze began when debris ignited on a porch.

3 LAKEVIEW
A Northwest Side man was issued numerous felony charges and traffic citations in connection with a car chase Sunday that ended when the car the man was driving crashed in Lakeview, officials said.

4 RIVER NORTH
A new survey from Chicago-based commercial real estate giant Jones Lang LaSalle put the spotlight on certain North American addresses, including Chicago's Wacker Drive, that had the highest rents in the U.S. last year.

5 DOUGLAS
Charges have been brought against four juveniles who police say mugged an IIT grad student Wednesday night near 31st Street Beach as he rode his bicycle home from school on the lakefront path.

6 WASHINGTON PARK
With Labor Day weekend came the South Side's annual celebration of arts and culture from the African Diaspora, as Washington Park again welcomed attendees to the four-day African Festival of the Arts.

7 ALBANY PARK
Chicago police arrested two people Thursday morning in Albany Park after windshields were smashed on eight parked cars. The vandalism took place in the area bordered by Wilson Avenue and Montrose Avenue, and between Troy Street and St. Louis Avenue.

LAKEVIEW

"Everyone in Lakeview has a dog. It's almost as if when you sign a lease in the neighborhood, you get handed your keys and a free dog." —Bridget Doyle

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Corrupt cop gets 12 years

Rogue officer led group that robbed, kidnapped

Chicago Tribune

Jerome Finnigan, the ringleader of a group of corrupt Chicago police officers who robbed and kidnapped people in one of the worst department scandals in recent history, was sentenced to 12 years in prison Thursday by a federal judge.

Finnigan pleaded guilty in April of plotting to hire a hit man to kill a fellow police officer whom he suspected of cooperating with investigators.

Finnigan also pleaded guilty at that time to tax-related charges stemming from his pocketing of hundreds of thousands of dollars in proceeds from the robberies.

Before he was sentenced, Finnigan rose in the federal courtroom and defended his career as an officer. "I can hold my head high, standing before you in an orange jumpsuit," he said.

Acknowledging what he did, he blamed "temptation and greed." Without getting into specifics, Finnigan told the judge his bosses knew what he was doing.

U.S. District Judge Blanche Manning told Finnigan he once had been a good officer who tried to "rid the community of the scourge of drugs ... [and who] became a scourge yourself."

After the hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Netols said the actions of Finnigan and the other officers in the unit "impacts the community's trust" in the police force.

But after Finnigan suggested in the hearing that what he was a doing was well known to his superiors, Netols said that with Finnigan's sentencing and the upcoming sentencing of one other member of the unit in November, the prosecution was "effectively completed."

Jerome Finnigan in 2006. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

CITY COUNCIL ROUNDUP

Crib bumper ban

Chicago on Thursday became the first city in the country to ban the sale of crib bumper pads because the popular products pose a suffocation risk to babies. It was introduced in response to Tribune investigations that found federal regulators for years have received reports of babies suffocating in cases that involved crib bumpers, yet have failed to warn parents or investigate all deaths.

Casino support

The City Council on Thursday backed Mayor Emanuel's push to get Gov. Quinn to sign off on a major gambling expansion that would bring a casino to Chicago. One after another stood up to say a casino would bring new jobs and generate $20 million a month or so that Emanuel has pledged to use to rebuild the city.

Police review board update

The City Council on Thursday approved a plan to shed more light on the largely secretive work of the city's police discipline review board. When the plan takes effect in 90 days, the individual votes of the nine-member Police Board will have to be posted online along with the rationale behind its decisions. TRIBUNE

Remembering crash victims

1 People lay flowers Thursday in front of the home arena of the Lokomotiv Yaroslav hockey team to honor members who were among the 43 people killed in a plane crash Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Color guard

2 Riot police stand guard after being attacked Thursday with paint bombs by protesters during a demonstration by students and teachers in Bogota, Colombia, during a march for public education.

Their prayers are answered

3 Children try to take money thrown from the church tower in Guarambaré, Paraguay, in gratitude for favors received by the Virgin Mary, fulfilling a traditional annual ceremony.

Tropical storm remnants bring more deadly floods

Relentless rain triggered catastrophic flooding in the eastern U.S. on Thursday, killing at least three people in Pennsylvania and forcing more than 130,000 people in three states to evacuate their homes.

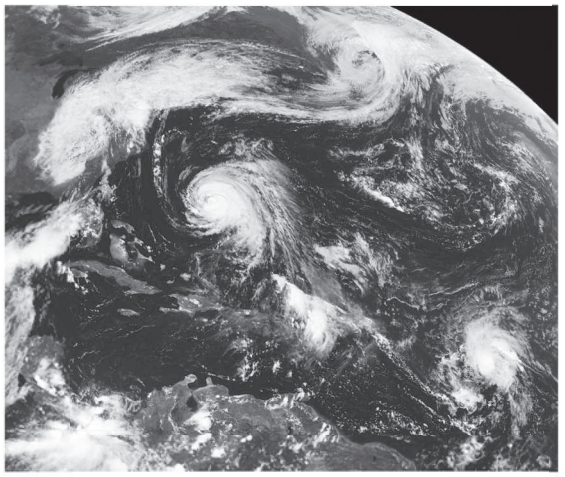
Remnants of Tropical Storm Lee swamped homes and businesses from Maryland to New England, and as much as a foot of rain was recorded outside Harrisburg, Pa., which declared a state of emergency.

Flood warnings were in effect in northern Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and upstate New York, while flood watches were under way in eastern Pennsylvania, parts of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland and Washington, D.C., according to the National Weather Service.

Some 65,000 people were evacuated from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., early Thursday and another 35,000 in surrounding counties were threatened by the rising waters of the Susquehanna River, said Stephen Urban, commissioner of Luzerne County.

The river was expected to crest at 40.7 feet later Thursday evening and levies in Wilkes-Barre are built to withstand waters up to 41 feet, Urban said.

"It's like Irene without the wind," meteorologist Elliot Abrams of **accuweather.com** said of the waves of rain predicted to continue through Thursday.



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DANGER ON THE HORIZON

A trio of Atlantic storms—one sputtering, one poised to strengthen and the other veering from land—kept forecasters busy Thursday. Hurricane Katia, which passed Bermuda, is expected to turn toward the northeast over the next day, generating large swells along most of the East Coast, the hurricane center said.

Toxic fumes at McDonald's

4 One woman died and nine others were sickened after breathing toxic fumes in the bathroom of a McDonald's in Pooler, Ga., authorities said Thursday. An 80-year-old woman from Florida died early Thursday, hours after being overcome by fumes. Firefighters noticed a smell but were not able to identify the source, authorities said.

Massive power outage in SW U.S.

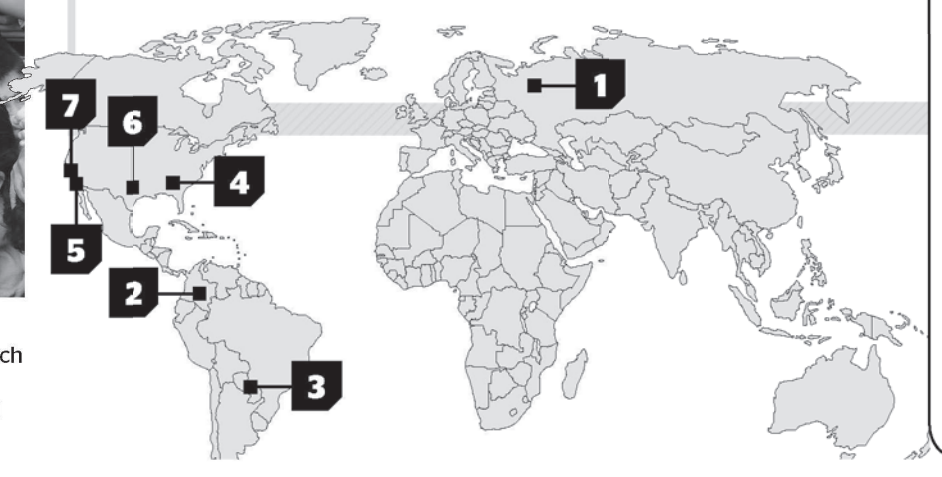
5 Authorities were investigating extensive power outages in southern California, Arizona and Mexico on Thursday that left more than 1 million customers without power, caused traffic jams and prompted at least one county to activate its emergency operations center.

Wildfire torches 1,300 homes

6 A huge wildfire raging near Austin, Texas, has destroyed nearly 1,400 homes and is spreading, officials said Thursday. Victoria Koenig, spokeswoman for the Texas Forest Service, said the Bastrop County fire has destroyed 1,368 homes.

Zagat joins Team Google

7 Google has purchased Zagat, a publisher of widely used ratings of restaurants and other businesses. The move will help Google better rival competitors such as Yelp, Yahoo and Bing in local searches. The companies didn't disclose a deal price.



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They're the real deal

Underestimate these female fantasy football players at your own risk, fellas

By Ryan Smith | FOR REDEYE

The Fantasy League of Extraordinary Gentlemen is suddenly due for a name change. The Chicago-based fantasy football league has a new female owner, Lauren Nisavic, who is not afraid to bring a different aesthetic to the otherwise all-guy league.

"I wanted to have a super girly team name, so I'm the Victoria's Secrets," said Nisavic, 21, of Lincoln Park. "I've already gotten a lot of trash talk about it."

Sure, the fantasy football world is dude-dominated and more closely resembles a frat party than a baby shower, but the growing number of women joining virtual football leagues isn't just a fantasy.

According to the latest research from Ipsos and the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, 5.4 million—or approximately 20 percent—of all fantasy players are female.

Pilar Lastra, a former Playboy Playmate who hosts the "Fantasy Football Show" on SiriusXM radio, said she's noticed a spike in female listeners.

"It's mostly men, let's be honest, but we're getting more females, especially through Twitter," said Lastra, herself a five-time fantasy football champ. "Ladies sometimes call us for fantasy advice because it's easier to ask us than to ask their boyfriends or other people who might not have the patience for someone who is a more inexperienced player."

The growing trend of more females playing fantasy represents a drastic change from a few years ago, when some women were rebelling against the sport and creating websites such as Women Against Fantasy Sports—an online support group for football widows on how to cope with their significant other's fantasy addictions.

If you can't beat them, join them—that's the philosophy of Stephanie Kilburg, who said she's always had boyfriends play fantasy but didn't do it herself until this season. Now she's talking draft strategy with her current boyfriend and downloading an app on her phone that will enable her to check her team on the go.

"I think I can make it to the Top 5 of my league if I stay committed and keep up," said Kilburg, 27, of River West.

Lavina Jadhwani represents an even tinier demographic of fantasy player. She is a stage director and the commissioner of a league made up mostly of actors involved in local theater.

"Theater people who like fantasy football is definitely a small, weird cross-section of people," said Jadhwani, 28, of Ravenswood.

She admits the league is rather casual and it has no entry fee, but she encourages members to make fun side bets.

"When I play my friend Michael, the loser has to change their Facebook status to say that they lost to the other. The loser also has to wear the winner's team jersey the next weekend and has to cook the winner dinner," Jadhwani said. "I prefer beer and baked goods to money."

Meanwhile, Shioban Lawler and Alishia Thompson pride themselves on being more hard-core about the sport than many guys they play against.

Lawler plays in three leagues and Thompson participates in two, and they represent the only women in a league that boasts a $150 entry fee and a $1,000 first prize. For them,

NFL Sundays are an all-day affair that involve going to bars to watch games while constantly checking their phones for stats and trash talking their opponents.

"It's a really competitive league," said Thompson, 32, of Romeoville. "We attack each other and trash talk all the time. We've been tearing each other apart for a few weeks now and football hasn't even started yet."

"It's definitely serious," said Lawler, 29, a consultant who lives in Bronzeville. "I do a lot of studying and look at what trades were made in the offseason, who is on injured reserve, watch preseason games and look at depth charts. A lot of people don't expect women to know as much about as sports as them and they're surprised about how knowledgeable I am."

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Alishia Thompson (left) and Shioban Lawler
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

But despite their demonstrated competence, many female fantasy players still are self-conscious because they've witnessed or know of women who join a league but make their picks based on random factors.

"I think maybe the stereotypes are true for some people," Nisavic said. "I know a girl who named her team The Brady Bunch and she drafted Tom Brady first because she thought she was hot."

It's a stereotype that irks Thompson.

"I personally can't stand stupid women who play," she said. "I think if you don't know what you're talking about, stay out of it. If was just going for players based on their looks, I'd pick Mark Sanchez first and I'd probably lose my league."

As far as being perceived as overly emotional, Jadhwani said men are the ones guilty of creating too much fantasy-related drama.

"During the season, I get all these emails in the middle of the night where people are complaining about crazy trades," she said. "It's funny how guys talk about how emotional we are, but when it comes to fantasy, guys are the crazy ones."

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A Playmate's guide to fantasy football

Call it "fantasy fantasy football" if you must, but it doesn't faze Pilar Lastra.

The 30-year-old, L.A.-based model and 2004 Playboy Playmate is an unabashed fantasy football freak who hosts an entire show devoted to the game on SiriusXM radio. She's hoping to add to her five fantasy titles in one of her leagues this season. Lastra gave RedEye draft tips and talked fantasies of the football kind. RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE

When you first started playing, did men try to offer dumb trades?
All the time! Guys would offer me these "sweet packages" or trades and it'd be two bench players for one of my starters. I was like, "Really, guys?" I saw a lot of trades like that in the beginning.

Does being female give you any sort of advantages?
At this point, guys now no longer have any sympathy for me. But this year, when we did the Sirius league, the Fantasy Guru was sitting next to me and had the 11th pick and Calvin Johnson and Andre Johnson were out there. I was like "Please, I want Andre!" and he gave him to me. Who does that?

What are the usual stereotypes you hear about female fantasy football players?
For the most part, I think guys think we don't know what we're doing. The truth is, if you are going to play, you have to know what you're doing. But I think it's OK for girls to pick players because they think a player is attractive. I used to pick Tom Brady because he was hot, and he did very well for me. Just don't pick a backup quarterback just because he's hot; that's the wrong move.

Who are players you really like this season?
I think Larry Fitzgerald is going to have an amazing season. Sam Bradford too. But really it's about the sleepers and I think Jared Cook from Tennessee is going to have a big year, and so will A.J. Green.

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1 We're only one game into the NFL season and already ...	... Bag Boy has used up three bags: the one on his head, one he vomited in and one he ... uh, never mind.	... I think Cris Collinsworth won't let a little injury halt his annual Peyton Manning buttkissathon.	... I'm knee-deep in bourbon and hookers. Sorry, kind of rusty, so went to the old standby.	... hookers and bourbon. Had to get it out of the way for Jimmy's return.	... wishing we had a better team ...
2 How big of a loss is Marion Barber missing the Bears opener?	Not as big as Phil missing the latest "iCarly." He sobbed for days.	I'm ready to pull my hair out. Seeing how he's a Barber. And they cut hair.	Remember that hangnail you had? The painful one? Not as big a loss as that.	More carries for Matt Forte to pad his stats in a contract year.	Kahlil Bell will probably turn out to be the best back, knowing the Bears.
3 What could be worse than going from Peyton Manning to Kerry Collins?	Going from a 10-6 division-winning, playoff team to an 0-16, No. 1-draft-pick-winning team.	Going from top of the charts to having Jay-Z's baby.	Going from Elin Nordegren to Tracy Swartz.	Going from Jay Cutler to Nathan Enderle.	Shane Matthews to Cade McNown? I wonder how we survived those years.
4 Who in sports is most happy the NFL is back?	Hookers and bourbon-makers. For Jimmy, of course.	Cedric Benson's attorney.	Chris Berman. Coincidentally, he's who sports fans are least happy is back.	David Stern.	Any member of the underachieving, dysfunctional White Sox should be overjoyed.
5 What's Juan Pierre win when he gets his 2,000th hit?	A scaled-down, two-expletive congratulatory rant from Ozzie Guillen.	The direct-to-DVD movie rights to "Mr. 2000," starring Katt Williams as Pierre.	Baseballs autographed by Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner.	Season tickets for the 2012 White Sox! Sorry, Juan.	A plaque that says "Congrats, only 1,000 away from greatness."

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The NFL is back. The Bears are back.

Bad news. This is the year, I fear, we no longer have Detroit to kick around. I say we split with them instead of the usual two wins.

Good news. Matt Forte shuts up and plays.

Bad news. Lance Briggs is dumb enough to sign a six-year deal. Dumber still to want to renegotiate after three. Lance, meet Matt Forte. He's what you should be. Also, not that big of a trade market, sir; you're older.

Good news. The offensive line may not be that bad.

Bad news. The average age of the defense is like 35. Age and mediocrity set in.

Lots to look forward to, lots to dread.

Looks like about a 10-6 team to me, folks, aided by playing the hideous AFC West.

Here's what we'll discover. The offensive line will struggle a bit, giving the coaches the all-time great excuse: Please have patience while we muck this up.

Amazingly, we will also discover that Devin Hester is not a No. 1 receiver. We make this discovery every year it seems. Nice to revisit it.

Roy Williams will struggle, embarrass himself and disappoint. Welcome, Roy.

Wins: Atlanta, Detroit, Green Bay, Carolina, Minnesota, Denver, Oakland, K.C. and San Diego. Maybe at Philly. Maybe. We won't beat the Packers twice because they have a better quarterback and receivers. They just do.

Brandon Meriweather, welcome. You're probably the best safety on the team—you're paid like it. Now go out and prove it.

Was hoping to see Marion Barber become a bulldog, but the injury bug got him early. Sigh.

All these nicks and complaints come down to one thing. The Bears, whether you hate them, love them, can't live without them, are a second-rate organization.

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These facts are neatly covered up with playing in a great city and great individual players, but—come on—get over it.

I know I'm trying to. BAG BOY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

FOUR SCORE

BEARS VS. ATLANTA

Every week before the Bears game, RedEye's sports crew gets to the point. Here's what we expect Sunday.

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Bears 21, Atlanta 14
Ergo, you bought me a Falcon.

LEO EBERSOLE
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Atlanta 24, Bears 20
With the 10th pick in the 2012 NFL Draft, the Chicago Bears select ...

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Bears 23, Atlanta 19
Would it shock you if I said Jay Cutler would win it with a last-second touchdown pass to Roy Williams?

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Bears 23, Atlanta 17
Devin Hester "forgets" he's supposed to down kickoffs in the end zone, racing one back for a TD. Lovie's mad, but not for long.

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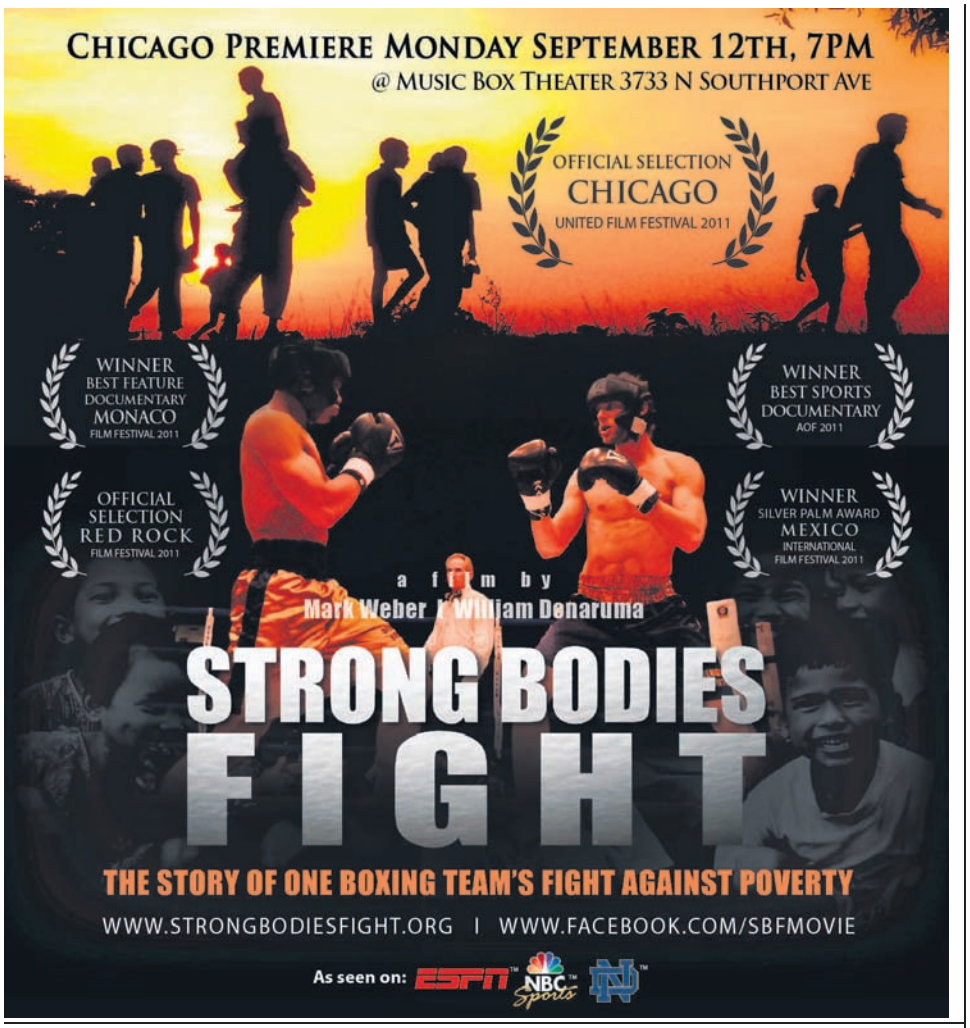

Sporty & the beast

Filippo Magnini

In the U.K., men race horses in a marathon. There's the strange tradition of men wrestling bears. What's next? Thursday, it was Italian swimmer Filippo Magnini racing a pair of dolphins in a swimming pool in Italy. The dolphins had to swim about twice as many lengths as Magnini, but they overtook him to win in the last few yards. "I never had such tough opponents," joked the two-time world champion (2005, 2007). Who comes up with these wacky human-vs.-animal matchups? Doesn't matter, we want to try it. Here goes.

JOAKIM NOAH VS. A PEACOCK
Male peacocks use their colorful feathers to attract females (peahens). Noah uses his hair and flashy style to attract attention. They'd engage in a fashion faceoff.

CARLOS ZAMBRANO VS. A KANGAROO
He can throw a mean fastball—and even go after his teammates—but can he outpunch a kangaroo, which can strike with its front or back legs?

DEVIN HESTER VS. A CHEETAH
That'd be the only time "Devin Hester, you are ridiculous" would actually fit the situation. Even if he lost the race.

JONATHAN TOEWS VS. A LAUGHING HYENA
Who cracks a smile first?

DON'T STOP NOW, BOYS
Let's hear it for Chicago's baseball broadcasters! The late Ron Santo, and Hawk Harrelson, Steve Stone, Pat Hughes and Ed Farmer are among 75 candidates for the Baseball Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick broadcasting award—and you, dear fans, can help them. Vote at **facebook.com/baseballhall**.

COPS AND JOCKS
Paul Hamm arrested
Three-time Olympic medalist and Ohio State assistant gymnastics coach Paul Hamm was arrested over the weekend for allegedly assaulting a taxi driver, the Columbus Dispatch reported. Hamm, 28, was sitting in a front yard in Upper Arlington, Ohio, when police arrived. He struggled with them and said he had "probably eight drinks" that night. A 10TV News video shows him telling officers, "I'm going to kill you guys."

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FYI Hollywood is reviving "Beetlejuice," Deadline reports. Producer David Katzenberg and writer Seth Grahame-Smith plan to make a sequel to Tim Burton's 1988 hit.

CONTAGIOUS THRILLS

All-star cast pulls viewers into center of an epidemic

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Contagion *(PG-13)*

Early on in the new film "Contagion," a woman (Gwyneth Paltrow) lies dead on an examination table. Her head has been opened up to reveal not congealed self-satisfaction and vegan muffins but evidence that a new disease has done some nasty work in there. One of the examiners asks if he should call someone. The other responds, "Call everyone."

That's when things get real in the chilling thriller that shot some scenes in Chicago and opens Friday. In the film, it takes just a few days for a highly contagious, mysterious illness—if science weren't baffled, there'd be no movie—to travel the world like it's got 20 bazillion frequent flier miles.

The rapid spread of the illness baffles CDC doctors (Kate Winslet, Marion Cotillard, Laurence Fishburne), while a freelance journalist (Jude Law) tells people that high-ranking government types are lying to them and Mitch Emhoff (Matt Damon, always great) copes with the sudden loss of his wife (Paltrow) to a bug that's about to bite into a big chunk of the human population.

Suffice to say my pesky cough and I felt like quite the offenders during the screening.

Director Stephen Soderbergh has star-loaded his cast almost to the point of distraction. Bryan Cranston, Sanaa Lathan and Elliott Gould co-star. Even smaller roles are taken by somewhat big names: Demetri Martin plays a minimally important scientist, while recent Oscar nominee John Hawkes plays a janitor. (Hopefully the "Winter's Bone" star is keeping a running tab of all the quintessentially blue-collar roles he's played.)

Yet this isn't another chance for Soderbergh ("Traffic") and his cast to preen about how blindingly huge their stars are. That's what "Ocean's Twelve" was for.

Crisply written by "The Informant!" scribe Scott Z. Burns, "Contagion" boils down global panic and what is probably more science-y talk than some viewers can handle to examine how easily a universal catastrophe can divide society into individuals fighting only for themselves and their loved ones.

The movie's emphasis is a bit strong on the folks in the center of the crisis, glossing over the faceless masses who break into banks and turn a line for treatment into a full-scale riot. And there's a certain familiarity to presentations of germ-infested bowls of nuts and bus handrails.

"Contagion" is much more compelling when showing what it takes to confront a huge, unexpected problem, not merely how susceptible we are to sickness and chaos. Dr. Mears (Winslet) zings plenty of the public

Will lessons be contagious?

While the new film "Contagion," about a global pandemic, sets out to give viewers chills, director Steven Soderbergh said it has an educational agenda too.

"What would be great is if this type of event were to occur, people would feel, 'Wait, I've been through this in a way, I saw that movie,' " he said. "During H1N1 [the 2009 flu scare], I wasn't satisfied that they were on top of it. Now I know that they are very, very good.

"The immediate effect is that when the lights come up, you realize you're with 400 other people who are covered with germs," Soderbergh said. If viewers can remember to find ways not to touch their faces during flu season, they have a much better chance of not getting sick, he said.

» For flu-preparedness info, go to **takepart.com/contagion**.

STARS ALIGN

Apparently everyone wants to work with Oscar winner Stephen Soderbergh. The director has assembled a cast full of Oscar nominees and winners for "Contagion."

Kate Winslet

Matt Damon

Gwyneth Paltrow

Marion Cotillard

Laurence Fishburne

Jude Law

Anna Jacoby-Heron and Matt Damon in "Contagion"

with a comment about how people will avoid oceans after seeing "Jaws" but shrug off cigarette warning labels.

Regardless, this threat and these characters feel all too real. "Contagion" is no remake of the ultimately cartoonish "Outbreak," though of course testing still is eventually done on monkeys. The poor things are going to get supersmart and take over the planet if we're not careful.

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Anita Sayad with Matt Damon

Locals in hot scenes

Chicago Tribune

As a nurse, Anita Sayad has done her fair share of blood draws, but none quite as memorable as working on—or pretending to—Matt Damon.

Sayad, physician liaison for Sherman Hospital in Elgin, was one of several dozen Sherman employees who got to take part in the filming of "Contagion," when the movie crew came to Elgin.

The movie filmed at the hospital's old site at 934 Center St. in December, then returned for a couple more scenes in June. When the thriller about a deadly virus comes out Friday, Sayad will be looking for the scene in which she's dressed in a hazmat suit, tending to Damon.

The scene, filmed in June, took seven or eight takes, but she certainly didn't mind.

"He was such a nice guy," she said. "The funny thing you don't realize about him, and probably most actors, is how much they concentrate on their lines, so we would be waiting for a scene to start and chitchat a little bit, but he really wanted to put his forehead on his hand and concentrate."

Elgin's Laurie Faith Gibson-Aiello also will be watching for herself and her friends.

Gibson-Aiello took part in scenes shot at the hospital as well as at Midway and had a chance to chat with Gwyneth Paltrow. She enjoyed getting a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the movie and is anxious to see it on the big screen Friday.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the detail really come to life," she said.

"Contagion" filmed around Chicago, in Elgin and in Glencoe, Wilmette, Downers Grove, Glenview and Naperville.

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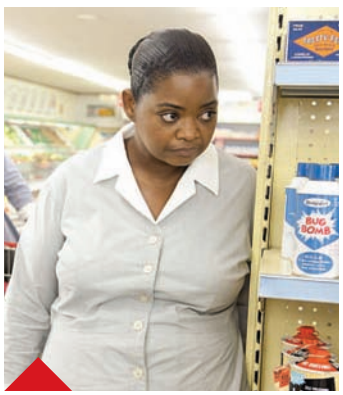
OTHERS

@SkitSketchJeff: SharkNight—Spent most of this disappointing movie wondering what's up with the production delays with Miss Congeniality 3D

@chicagocrash: Warrior is the best fighting movie ever. Raw, gripping, and had the audience cheering like they were watching a real fight.



@cyndic88: 'The Help' was great, funny, sad, only advice read the book first, it will help (no pun there) understand.

@rebeccakeen: J'adore Midnight in Paris night & day past & present. Beautiful, whimsical struggling to live fully in an unfulfilled world

@PhoenixAskani: My Idiot Brother: My Idiot Movie featuring Paul Rudd.

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THE DEBT

@anison: The Debt: Plenty of plot twists. Mirren and Chastain are great. Timeline a little unbelievable. Overall good movie though.

@puzzlemasta: really enjoyed The Debt. Exciting thriller, interesting plot, good acting, plus Sam Worthington was so cute!

@nilitiger: saw The Debt, a great movie! unlike @ebertchicago I had no problem telling who is who. without flashbacks, wouldn't be same.

@SkitSketchJeff: TheDebt: Very timely. Although Helen Mirren was a bit of a stretch as Obama, weepy Jessica Chastain nailed the Boehner role

THE GUARD

@cjnitelite: saw The Guard, great story, fantastic acting and classic Irish humor.

@samwrangle: Don Cheadle was surprisingly brilliant in The Guard. Loved the end scene.

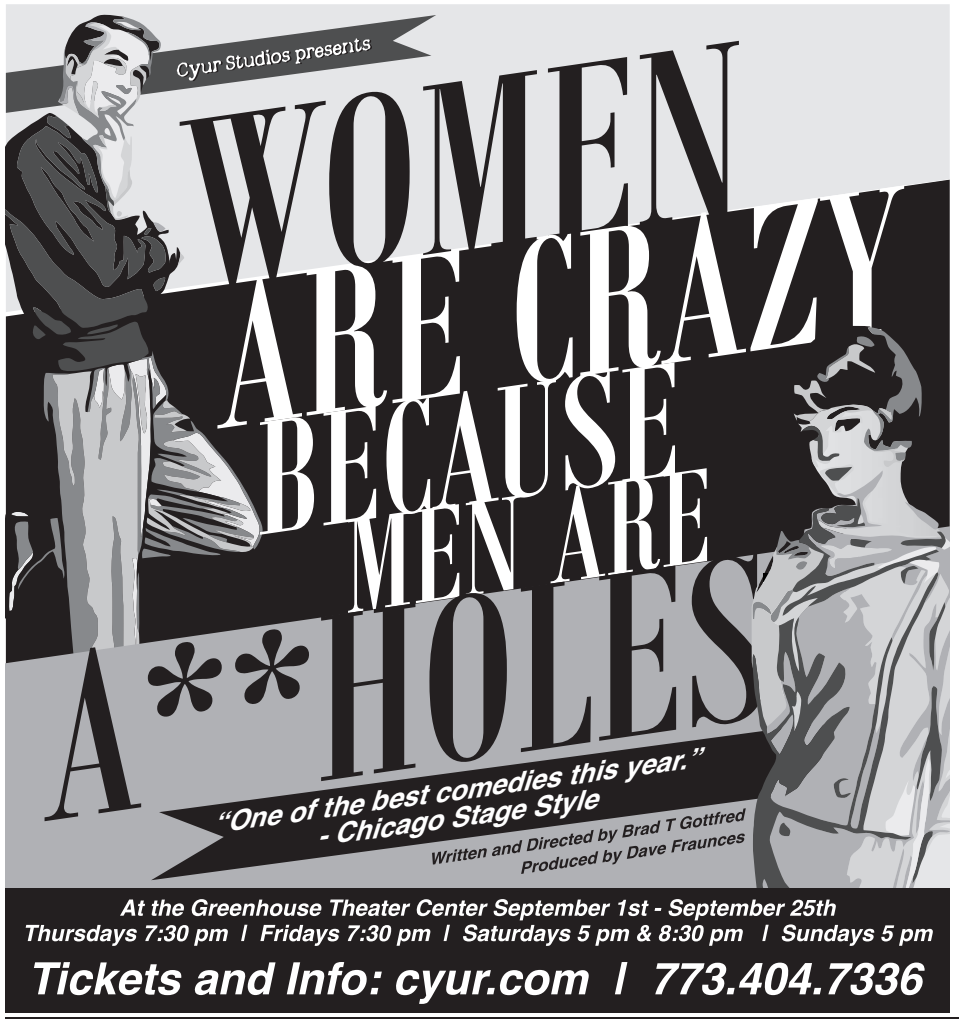
@shefm: Saw Columbiana. Great action from the first 5 minutes. Zoe always a delight to see in action. Must see! Rated 4 SheStars

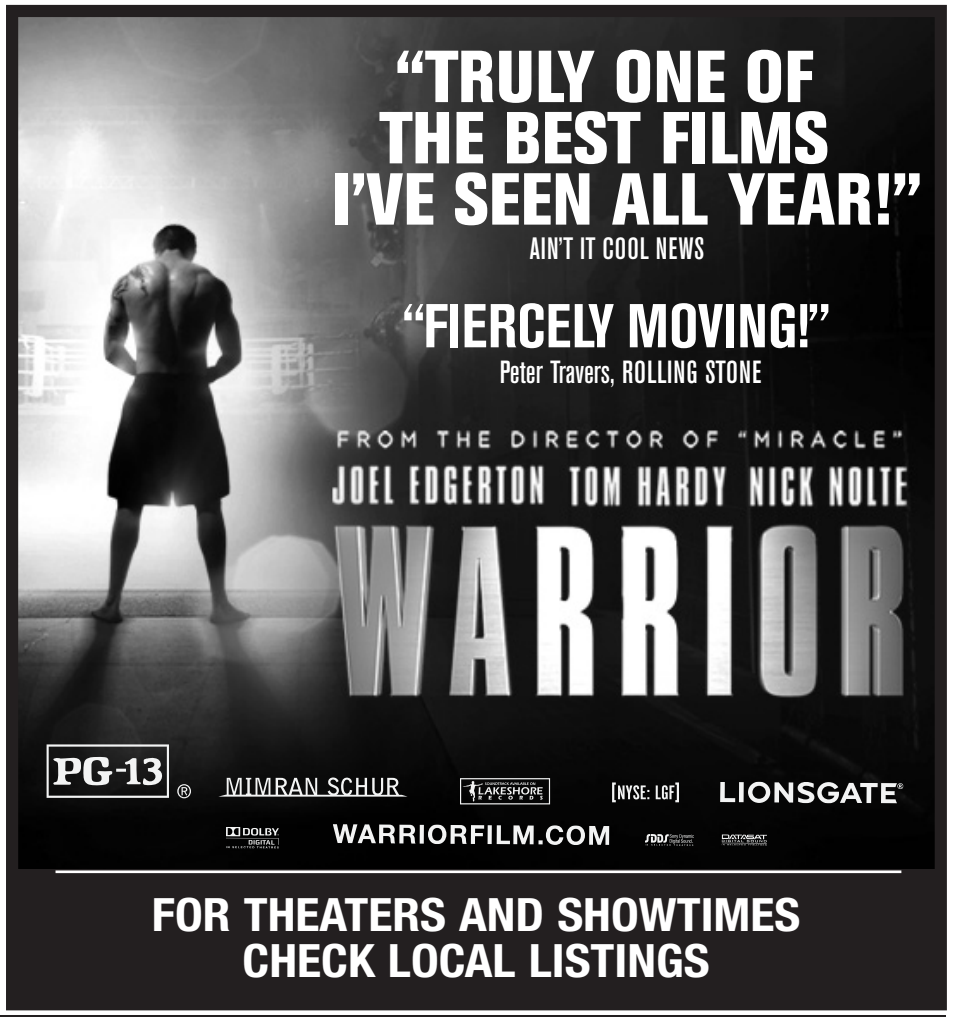
@SkitSketchJeff: CrazyStupidLove: Emma Stone solid but starlet factory (makers of Amy Adams, LiLo, Witherspoon, Silverstone) has next model ready

@SkitSketchJeff: Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows, Part 2: Spoiler Alert—This is the last Harry Potter movie... unless you see it 15 times

@SkitSketchJeff: TreeOfLife: Great 1st date movie. You'll instantly know who attended a state or private university—or suffers from narcolepsy

@Brady88TE: "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" gives you an early start to Halloween. A good scary movie that is well written. Surprising end!





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- **Contagion** (PG–13) 11:20,1:55,4:30,7:10,9:50
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- **Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star** (R) 1:50,4:25,7:10,9:35
- **Warrior** (PG–13) 12:20,1:20,3:30,6:45,7:15,9:55
- **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R) 1:40,4:15,6:50,9:25
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 7:50,10:35
- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) 12:10,2:30,5:00,7:40,10:25
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) 1:00,6:40
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 1:10,3:40,6:30,9:10
- **The Help** (PG–13) 3:50,7:00,10:05
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 12:45,3:00,5:30
- **Our Idiot Brother** (R) 12:50,3:10,5:45,8:10,10:40
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 4:00,6:20,9:00
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 12:30,3:20,6:10,9:15
- **Straw Dogs** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Help** (PG–13) (Open captioned) 12:40
- **Saving Private Pérez** (PG–13) 4:35,10:30
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 12:00,2:40,4:05,5:20,8:00,9:45,10:45
- **Drive** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **Shark Night** (PG–13) 1:30
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 2:00,4:45,7:30,10:15

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **Contagion** (PG–13) ★ 5:15,7:30,10:00
- **Shark Night** (PG–13) ★ 5:40,7:40,9:40
- **Our Idiot Brother** (R) 5:50,7:50,9:50
- **The Help** (PG–13) 6:45,9:45

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) 11:40,2:00,4:10,7:00,9:10
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 10:35,12:50,3:05,5:40,8:15,10:30
- **Saving Private Pérez** (PG–13) 11:55,2:35,5:05,7:35,10:15
- AMC Independent **Fordson: Faith, Fasting, Football** (NR) 11:35,2:05,4:35,7:15,9:45
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 11:10,1:50,4:30,7:10,9:50
- AMC Independent **Creature** (R) 10:25,12:45,3:15,5:45,8:05,10:35
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 10:20,12:35,3:00,5:25,7:50,10:05
- AMC Independent **Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 11:50,2:15,4:40,7:05,9:40
- **Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star** (R) 11:45,2:10,4:45,7:20,9:55
- **Warrior** (PG–13) 10:05,1:00,4:05,7:10,10:10
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 11:25,1:55,4:15,6:45,9:05
- **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R) 10:55,1:35,4:25,7:25,10:05
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 11:45,2:30,5:15,8:00,10:25
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:30,2:50,6:30,10:00

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
(312) 846-2800

- **Pillow Talk** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **Summer** (R) 6:15 P.M.
- **Littlerock** (NR) 8:00 P.M.
- **Four Adventures of Reinette and Mirabelle** (NR) 8:15 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
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- **Closed for Renovations** (NR)

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
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- **Mozart's Sister** (NR) 2:00,4:30,7:00,9:30
- **Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness** (NR) 3:00 P.M.
- **Ferris Bueller's Day Off** (PG–13) 12:00 Midnight

THE PATIO THEATER
6008 W. Irving Park Road
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- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) 7:00,9:30

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
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- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) 11:40,2:10,4:40,7:05,9:20,11:45
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 11:45,2:15,4:50,7:15,9:40,12:00
- AMC Independent **All She Can** (NR) 5:15 P.M.
- AMC Independent **The Guard** (R) 10:35,1:05,3:30,8:50,11:30
- **Our Idiot Brother** (R) 10:10,12:45,3:05,5:20,7:50,10:05
- AMC Independent **Forged** (NR) 7:25 P.M.
- **Saving Private Pérez** (PG–13) 10:40,3:40,8:40
- AMC Independent **Where the Road Meets the Sun** (NR) 3:06 P.M.
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D (3D)** (PG) 10:55,4:00
- AMC Independent **Chasing Madoff** (NR) 8:55,11:25
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 10:00,11:30,12:40,2:20,3:20,5:10,6:10, 8:00,9:00,10:50,11:50
- **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG–13) 2:15,8:20
- AMC Independent **Creature** (R) 11:25,1:55,4:25,6:55,9:25,11:55
- **Shark Night** (PG–13) 1:15,6:15,11:15
- AMC Independent **Without Men** (R) 9:40 P.M.
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 1:20,6:30
- AMC Independent **Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 11:30,2:00,4:30,7:00,9:30,12:00
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) 11:10,5:10,11:20
- **Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star** (R) 11:55,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- **Warrior** (PG–13) 10:00,1:10,4:15,7:40,11:10
- **The Debt** (R) 11:00,1:45,4:45,7:45,10:45
- AMC Independent **Blue Eyes** (NR) 1:00 P.M.
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 10:05, 12:35,3:05,5:35,8:15,11:00
- **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R) 11:20,1:50,4:20,6:50,9:25,12:00
- AMC Independent **One Day** (PG–13) 10:15,12:55,3:35,6:20,9:05,11:50
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 11:35,2:35,5:45,8:55,11:40
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 10:30,1:30,4:35,7:35,10:20
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:50,3:15,6:45,10:10

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
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- **Conan the Barbarian 3D** (R) 8:55 P.M.
- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) 10:35,1:05,3:30,6:05,8:35,11:05
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 10:05,12:30,2:55,5:15,7:55,10:25
- **Our Idiot Brother** (R) 10:15,12:45,3:15,5:55,8:30,11:05
- **Saving Private Pérez** (PG–13) 11:05,1:55,4:45,7:35,10:20
- AMC Independent **Fordson: Faith, Fasting, Football** (NR) 10:30,1:20,4:10,7:00,9:40
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 10:10,1:00,3:50,6:40,9:30
- **Contagion: The IMAX Experience** (PG–13) 11:40,2:30,5:20,8:10,11:00
- AMC Independent **Creature** (R) 11:45,2:25,5:05,7:50,10:30
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 1:15,6:20
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 10:40,3:45
- AMC Independent **Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 11:30,2:20,5:10,8:00,10:50
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) 10:20,4:20,10:10
- **Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star** (R) 10:00, 12:25,3:00,5:40,8:20,11:00
- **Warrior** (PG–13) 11:50,3:40,7:10,10:35
- **The Debt** (R) 10:45,1:40,4:40,7:40,10:40
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 10:25,1:10,3:55,6:50,9:50
- **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R) 11:55,2:45,5:25,8:05,10:45
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 1:25,7:15
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 10:00,12:40,3:35,6:30,9:25
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:35,3:20,7:20,10:55

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **Warrior** (PG–13) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10
- **The Debt** (R) 1:00,3:50,7:00,9:50
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 1:05,4:05,7:05,9:55
- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) 1:30,3:40,6:00,8:10,10:25
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 12:25,2:55,5:30,8:05,10:35
- **The Help** (PG–13) 12:40,4:00,7:20,10:30
- **Our Idiot Brother** (R) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 3:00,5:25,7:40,10:05
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 12:10,2:40,5:10,7:45,10:15
- **One Day** (PG–13) 1:15,3:45
- **Straw Dogs** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 12:20,2:50,5:20,6:40,7:50,9:30,10:20
- **Drive** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **Shark Night** (PG–13) 12:30

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
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- **The Smurfs** (PG) 10:50,1:20,3:50,6:20,8:45,11:15
- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) 10:40,1:00,3:15,5:30,7:50,10:05,12:20
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 10:25,12:40,2:55,5:15,7:35,9:55,12:10
- **Saving Private Pérez** (PG–13) 11:10,1:45,4:15,6:45,9:20,11:55
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D (3D)** (PG) 12:25,5:05,9:35
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 9:30,12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- AMC Independent **Creature** (R) 9:45,12:05,2:35,4:55,7:15,9:30,11:50
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 10:10,2:45,7:20
- AMC Independent **Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 10:00,12:15,2:25,4:45,7:00,9:15,11:30
- **Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star** (R) 10:15, 12:35,3:00,5:25,7:45,10:10
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 11:15, 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:25,12:00
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 10:45,1:10,3:25,5:40,8:00,10:15
- **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R) 11:00,1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00,11:35
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 11:20,1:55,4:30,7:05,9:40,12:15
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:40,2:50,6:00,9:10

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)
4779 W. Cermak., Cicero
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- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) 11:05,1:15,3:30,5:50,8:00,10:20
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 11:15,1:30,3:45,6:05,8:20,10:40
- **Saving Private Pérez** (PG–13) 11:25,2:00,4:40,7:25,10:10
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D (3D)** (PG) 2:50,7:20
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 11:00,1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00
- AMC Independent **Creature** (R) 11:05,1:20,3:40,6:00,8:15,10:50
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 12:35,5:10,9:30
- AMC Independent **Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 11:45,2:15,4:50,7:30,10:15
- **Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star** (R) 12:00,2:25,4:45,7:10,9:35
- **Warrior** (PG–13) 11:30,2:30,5:30,8:45
- **The Debt** (R) 11:35,2:10,4:45,7:30,10:05
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 11:50,2:20,4:50,7:20,9:55
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 11:10,1:35,3:50,6:10,8:25,10:35
- **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R) 12:50,3:20,5:45,8:10,10:45
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 11:20,1:50,4:20,7:00,9:40

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION
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- **Shark Night** (PG–13) ★ 10:40 A.M.
- **Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star** (R) ★ 10:30, 1:20,3:50,6:30,9:00,11:30
- **Warrior** (PG–13) ★ 10:00 P.M.
- **Warrior** (PG–13) ★ 10:00,12:20,1:10,3:30,4:20,6:40,7:30,10:50
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 11:30,2:20,5:10,8:00,11:00
- **Contagion** (PG–13) ★ 10:20,11:20,12:45,1:15,2:00,3:20,4:10, 4:50,6:00,7:00,7:50,8:40,9:40,10:40,11:15
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:00,12:30,2:30,4:00,6:10,7:15,9:30,10:30
- **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R) 10:10,12:50,3:40,6:20,8:50,11:20
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 10:45,1:45,4:45,7:45,10:55
- **The Debt** (R) ★ 11:10,1:50,4:30,7:10,9:50
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) 10:50,1:40,4:40,7:40,10:20
- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) ★ 11:40,2:10,5:00,7:20,10:00
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) ★ 1:30,4:15,6:50,9:20
- **Our Idiot Brother** (R) 11:50,2:40,5:15,8:10,10:45

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- **Warrior** (PG–13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 10:00 P.M.
- **Contagion** (PG–13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:45,3:20,6:00,8:40,11:15
- **The Debt** (R) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 11:10,1:50,4:30,7:10

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
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- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) ★ 1:30,3:35,5:40,7:45,9:50
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) ★ 12:50,3:00,5:10,7:20,9:30
- **Our Idiot Brother** (R) 12:40,2:45,4:55,7:00,9:10
- **Contagion** (PG–13) ★ 12:05,2:25,4:45,7:10,9:35
- **Warrior** (PG–13) ★ 1:10,4:05,7:00,9:55
- **The Debt** (R) ★ 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- **The Help** (PG–13) 12:30,3:35,6:40,9:45

EVANSTON

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1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
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- **Apollo 18** (PG–13) ◆ 12:25,2:40,4:55,7:10,9:25
- **Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star** (R) ◆ 12:00,2:45,5:10,7:40,10:15
- **Colombiana** (PG–13) ◆ 11:10,1:55,4:45,7:35,10:25
- **Contagion** (PG–13) ◆ 12:10,2:50,5:30,8:10,10:50
- **Contagion** (PG–13) 1:30,4:00,6:50,9:30
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) ◆ 11:20,2:05,5:00,7:50,10:40
- **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R) ◆ 1:10,5:55,10:45
- **Higher Ground** (R) 11:45,2:25,5:05,7:45,10:25
- **Midnight in Paris** (PG–13) 11:00,3:35,8:25
- **Our Idiot Brother** (R) 11:05,1:20,3:40,5:50,8:05,10:20
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) ◆ 12:50,3:20,5:50,8:20,10:45
- **Sarah's Key** (PG–13) 1:05,3:45,6:25,9:05
- **Shark Night** (PG–13) ◆ 1:15 P.M.
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG–13) 3:30,6:00,8:15,10:35
- **The Debt** (R) 11:30,2:10,4:50,7:30,10:10
- **The Guard** (R) 11:50,2:15,4:40,7:05,9:30
- **The Help** (PG–13) ◆ 11:40,1:15,3:00,4:30,6:20,8:00,9:40
- **Warrior** (PG–13) ◆ 11:25,1:00,2:35,4:10,5:45,7:20,8:55,10:30

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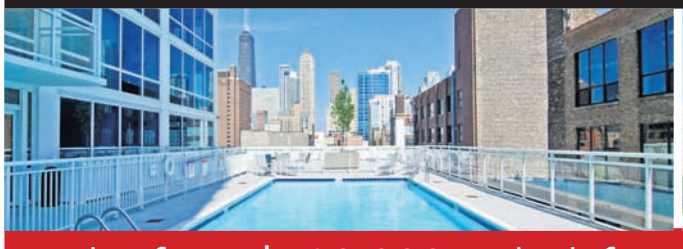
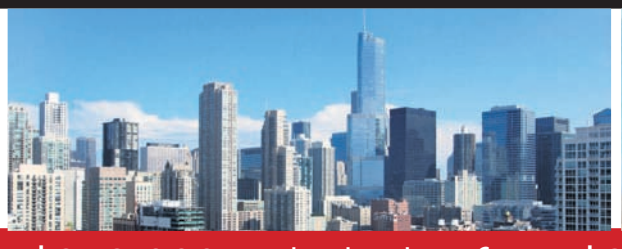
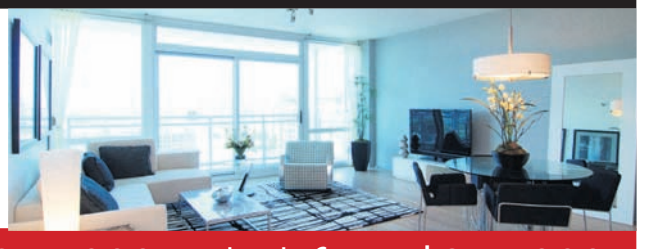

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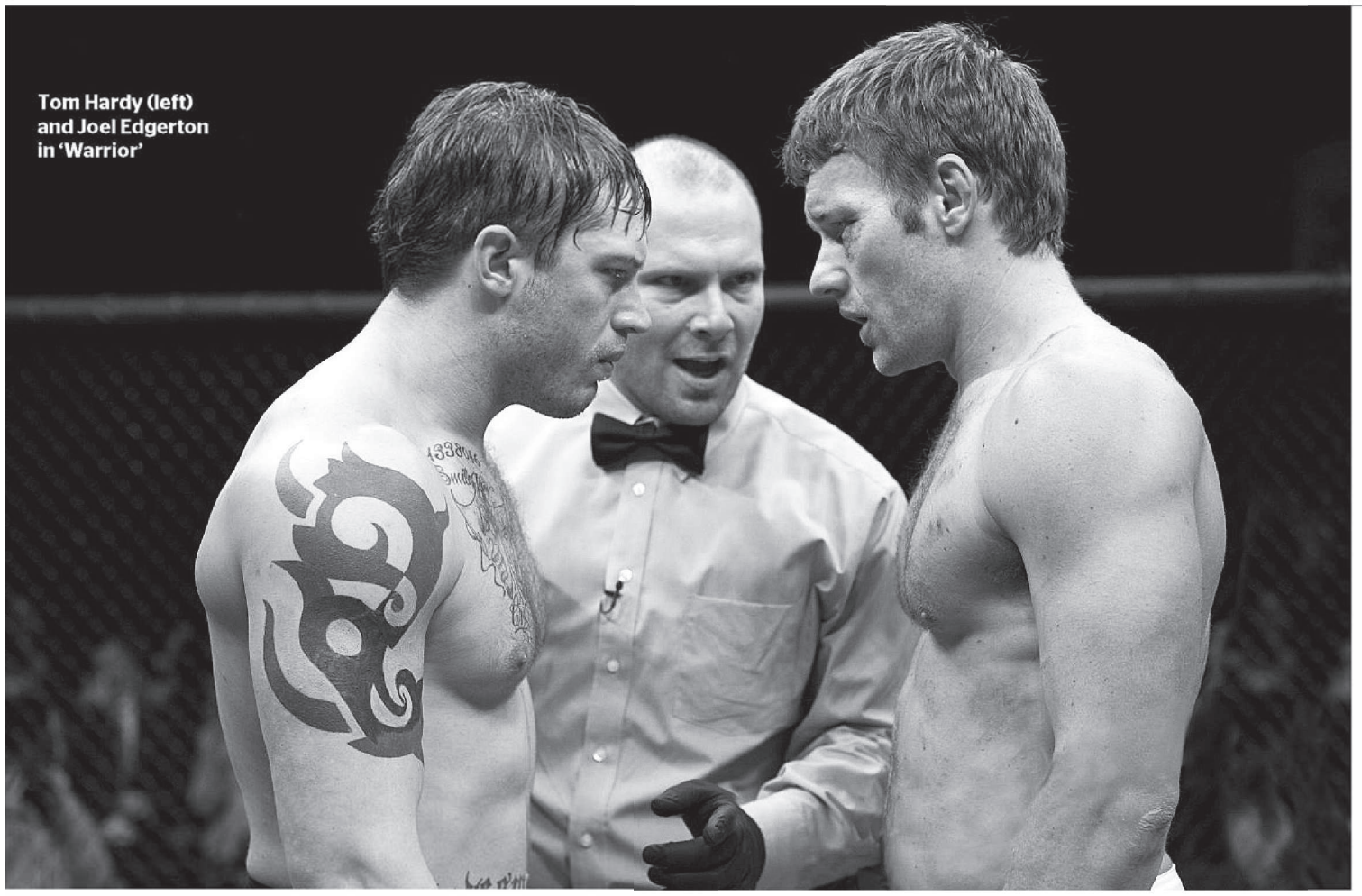

Tom Hardy (left) and Joel Edgerton in 'Warrior'

Big fight, big emotions

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How's this for timing? High school physics teacher/ex-UFC fighter Brendan Conlon (Joel Edgerton) desperately needs money or he, his wife (Jennifer Morrison) and their two daughters will lose their house. Brendan's estranged brother Tommy (Tom Hardy, creating new levels of toughness) also needs money badly enough that he's willing to hire the recovering alcoholic father (Nick Nolte) he hasn't seen in 14 years as a trainer. The trailer for "Warrior" gives away that Brendan and Tommy meet in the finals of Sparta—which is dubbed the Super Bowl of mixed martial arts and offers $5 million to the winner—so the movie's meat will be in watching them get there.

Warrior *(PG-13)*

The buzz: Hey, sometimes Eli vs. Peyton Manning happens, so it's not unthinkable that two brothers could engage in a championship showdown. What's more notable is that director/co-writer Gavin O'Connor ("Miracle") has made a sibling-driven fighting movie that feels more true than "The Fighter," even though "Warrior" is pure fiction.

The verdict: Yes, I got choked up. Like "Friday Night Lights," "Warrior" is a quiet character study so heart-wrenching it doesn't matter whether you have any interest in the sport at its center. (And if you do, there are plenty of big fight moments to inspire an "Ohhhhhhh!!!") O'Connor can't resist a few moments that make the film's persistent, understated blue-collarness feel manipulative, and a not-quite-convincing notion of how the guys work their way through the tournament detracts from the realism.

What lingers is the way "Warrior" takes familiar bones and loads them with muscle of its own to create a story of pure will and determination without any glamour or posturing. Life experience practically drips off the movie like sweat, and "Warrior" is surely as moving a film as possible to make about people beating the stuffing out of each other.

NOW SHOWING

Circumstance
(R)

Tickets would sell a lot faster if "Circumstance" were called "Beautiful Iranian Lesbians in Love."

Of course, if this were a tale of a simple, blissful relationship between two women, it wouldn't be set in Tehran, Iran—or plenty of other places around the world. Like many films set in oppressive countries, "Circumstance" is about the agony felt on the short end of repression, and its familiar characterizations make the movie feel less eye-opening and specific than something like "No One Knows About Persian Cats" (a movie you probably didn't see about Iran's underground rock scene).

In "Circumstance," teenage best friends Shireen (Sarah Kazemy) and Atafeh (Nikohl Boosheri) dream of a carefree life filled with singing and dancing and more time spent elevating their playful rapport to something much steamier.

This story should fearlessly explore a unique perspective in a fresh way. Instead, it constantly, bluntly reiterates the main points until majorly downshifting to a shallow, unsatisfying ending.

In the most intense moments, though, both when passion nearly boils over and when the degradation of women is at its most sickening, "Circumstance" trembles with the kind of honest rage that dangerous people prefer to silence.

Our Idiot Brother *(R)*
Paul Rudd can do anything.

Higher Ground *(R)*
Vera Farmiga, real director

The Debt *(R)*
Eventually falls apart.

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark *(R)*
Scary? Yes. Dumb? Definitely.

A Good Old Fashioned Orgy *(R)*
Sure, it sounds fun.

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The Terminator
1984

Setup: One of the first things the futuristic machine (Arnold Schwarzenegger) does after warping back in time is go to a phone booth and tear the Sarah Connor listings out of the white pages to track down the future mother of the rebel leader.

The 2011 knockdown: Good luck finding a phone booth in L.A. today—especially one with a current phone book.

North by Northwest
1959

Setup: In this Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece, Roger (Cary Grant) realizes during a business lunch at the Plaza Hotel that he must relay a message to his mother, and therefore must send her a telegram. (For readers born after the Clinton impeachment, Google "Western Union.") With unfortunate timing, he flags down a bellboy who is paging someone else at the time, leading to an identity mix-up and his kidnapping by foreign spies.

The 2011 knockdown: What successful businessman would leave the office without his 4G smartphone?

By Linda Whitmore | LOS ANGELES TIMES

Some of the greatest films of all time probably wouldn't be made today without some serious script doctoring. Modern technology has diminished the likelihood of the plot points that so many of them turn on. Consider what would happen to these classics if they were made today:

Sorry, Wrong Number
1948

Setup: Bedridden Mrs. Stevenson (Barbara Stanwyck) is somehow connected to a phone call between two men planning a murder—a party line, perhaps? Turns out, they're talking about her murder. She spends much of the movie on the line to an operator and, of course, she's upstairs, so when the killer knocks the phone downstairs off the hook, she's out of luck.

The 2011 knockdown: Give her a cellphone with anytime minutes and 911 and there's no movie.

It Happened One Night
1934

Setup: In this Oscar winner from Frank Capra, Peter (Clark Gable) is a recently fired newspaper reporter who meets heiress Ellie (Claudette Colbert), who is on the lam after a fight with her father. Set and filmed during the Depression, the comedy features Ellie bribing Peter to keep her whereabouts secret.

The 2011 knockdown: In this day and age, Ellie Andrews would be a cottage industry for TMZ, National Enquirer photographers and Nancy Grace. Her photo would be all over CNN. In fact, rich girls who have fights with Dad don't try to hide, they merely post it on Facebook.

Tom Hardy stars in the mixed martial arts movie 'Warrior.'

Knockout roles put Hardy in spotlight

Reuters

It is an understatement to say that actor Tom Hardy's star is rising fast.

Last year, the 33-year-old British actor earned Hollywood credibility as a member of Leonardo DiCaprio's dream traveling posse in "Inception." The film's director, Christopher Nolan, then cast Hardy in one of 2012's most coveted roles: the villain Bane in the Batman flick, "The Dark Knight Rises."

In "Warrior," opening Friday, the actor plays a former wrestling prodigy-turned-Marine who returns to the ring to fight for a $5 million mixed martial arts prize, only to be pitted against his estranged brother, played by Australian actor Joel Edgerton.

Hardy gained 30 pounds of muscle thanks to physical training and lived out a "Rocky"-esque fantasy in scenes where he waded through crowds of cheering fans on his way toward the fighting cage.

As convincing as he may look physically for the role on screen, Hardy harbors no notions that he actually could thrive as a fighter in the MMA world.

"I'd get knocked out—stone cold," Hardy said with certainty. "I'd probably trip on the stairs on my way up to the ring and knock my teeth out. So its a very short-lived moment of 'I can do this!' because I really can't."

Still, that doesn't stop him from taking on roles that might prove otherwise. Hardy put on more then 40 pounds to play the real-life British prisoner Charles Bronson, who spent most of his life in solitary confinement, in the 2009 film "Bronson."

His role in "Dark Knight Rises" is a gig that landed on Hardy's plate unexpectedly. While in Canada shooting the Reese Witherspoon romantic comedy "This Means War," Hardy was getting ready to head to Australia to spend a year shooting the new Mad Max movie, "Fury Road," taking over the role that made Mel Gibson an international superstar.

But Mother Nature had other plans, flooding the Australian desert with torrential rains, wiping out the wasteland setting and canceling the shoot.

Hardy was devastated—until Nolan called about playing Batman's powerful foe.

"Chris rings and says, 'I'm not sure if it's your sort of thing because it would mean wearing a mask. How do you feel about wearing a mask as an actor?' "

Hardy laughed when recalling the day that changed his career: "How do I feel about wearing a mask? I'd wear a plastic bag over my head for Chris! I'll do anything for him. I did not see that coming. I never, ever thought I'd be in 'Batman.' "

"Fury Road" is back on track as well, set to be filmed in April.

The rising career trajectory is something Hardy attributes to his longtime sobriety.

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A weekend of remembrance

With the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks happening Sunday, most network morning and evening news shows will broadcast live from New York City. CBS' "60 Minutes," at 6 p.m. Sunday, also will be dedicated to the events taking place at Ground Zero. Here are several other special programs scheduled to commemorate 9/11. Check you local listings as times may have changed. For a complete list, go to **showpatroltv.com**. CURT WAGNER, REDEYE

FRIDAY

'9/11: The Days After'
8 p.m. Friday, History

Doc examines what happened following the tragic day that terrorists attacked America.

'Ground Zero: Chicago Remembers'
9:30 p.m. Friday, WGN-Chicago; 11:30 p.m. Friday, CLTV

Chicagoans who put their own lives on hold to help after the attacks.

'Beyond 9/11: Portraits of Resilience'
10 p.m. Friday, CNN

Recollections from government leaders, survivors from the towers and first responders.

SATURDAY

'The Love We Make'
8 p.m. Saturday, Showtime

Documentary chronicles Paul McCartney's journey through the streets of New York City in the aftermath of 9/11.

'Voices From Inside the Towers'
8 p.m. Saturday, History

What happened on 9/11 through phone calls made by some who later died and some who survived.

'Portraits from Ground Zero'
9 p.m. Saturday, A&E

Andrea Booher was one of the only photojournalists given 24-hour access to Ground Zero after 9/11.

'Beyond: Messages from 9/11'
9 p.m. Saturday, BIO

Families of 9/11 victims share their stories of the messages they received from beyond.

SUNDAY

'102 Minutes That Changed America'
7:46 a.m. Sunday, A&E/BIO/History

All A&E networks will broadcast this 2008 doc at the exact time when, 10 years ago, the 9/11 attacks began.

'9/11: 10 Years Later'
7 p.m. Sunday, CBS

CBS and filmmakers Jules and Gedeon Naudet and James Hanlon will present an update of the film "9/11."

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'Pentagon Under Fire'
7 p.m. Sunday, Military Channel

Special tracks the attack on the Pentagon. At 8 p.m., "9/11: After the Towers Fell" tells the stories of rescuers on that day.

'America Remembers 9/11'
7 p.m. Sunday, WTTW

"PBS Newshour" presents this one-hour special. "Great Performances: A Concert for New York" follows at 10 p.m.

'The Space Between'
8 p.m. Sunday, USA

Melissa Leo stars as a flight attendant who watches over 10-year-old Pakistani-American Omar Hassan (Anthony Keyvan) as he flies as an unaccompanied minor the morning of the 9/11 attacks.

'Rebirth'
8 p.m. Sunday, Showtime

The Sundance Film Festival hit is a decadelong account of five people's lives who were forever altered on 9/11.

'Twins of the Twin Towers'
8 p.m. Sunday, OWN

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Topshop: The rundown

By Joanna Gustafson
FOR REDEYE

Before British fashion chain Topshop and its male counterpart, Topman, opened its Chicago store Thursday, RedEye got a sneak peek.

The store, located at 830 N. Michigan Ave. in the former Borders space, offers three floors of men's and women's clothing, as well as Topshop's makeup, shoes, lingerie, maternity wear and petite and tall collections.

During a two-week "Chicago first look," more than 100 items will be available only in Chicago. Other items, such as a graphic T-shirt that reads, "From London, with love," are permanently exclusive to the Chicago location.

Chicago is the second U.S. city, after New York, to get a Topshop location.

Those looking to drop some dollars there won't be disappointed, though the prices may surprise some. Nicer tops clock in at around $75 and dresses can easily reach $300 or more. Though not outrageous, they still may give some shoppers used to other chain stores some pause. Regardless, the glossy store is full of on trend pieces, and it's about time Chicagoans can shop Topshop. **JOANNA GUSTAFSON IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

STANDOUTS

» The shoe department: Located in the lower level, it rivals any high-end department store, from the displays to the helpful sales team members who fetch sizes.

» The pleated leather miniskirt: Part of the first look range; it looks (and feels!) three times more expensive than it is, and will work for all four seasons.

» The Topshop Unique Women's Suit: Patterned to look a bit like brocade, this black on black runway piece can be worn together or as equally chic separates.

» Men's blazers: Made from quality British wool, these heavy blazers will look amazing paired with jeans this winter and have been given a modern twist with pockets.

» The collaborations: What Topshop is famous for! Look for a ski line with the Ashish line in November and Mary Katrantzou's patterned pieces in January.

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Sunday, September 11

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'Doctor Who's' unlikely hero

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"Doctor Who" fan Chris Hardwick has called Rory Williams "The Kenny of 'Doctor Who.'" It's an apt description, because like that "South Park" character, Rory keeps getting killed on the British sci-fi hit.

"I personally hope that Rory just stops dying," Arthur Darvill said Thursday, emphasizing each of the last three words. Darvill plays the hapless Rory in the series, which airs at 8 p.m. Saturdays on BBC America.

Over the course of his two seasons on the show, Darvill's character, who with his wife, Amy Pond (Karen Gillan), travels through time and space with the Doctor (Matt Smith), Rory has died at least three times, been turned into a Roman Centurion, spent 2,000 years guarding his wife while she was locked away in a freaky box called the Pandorica and fathered a child (River Song, played by Alex Kingston) who many times appears on the show older than he and Amy are. He's also saved the day a few times.

That's quite a list of accomplishments for a character who initially didn't even want to step into the time machine that's "bigger on the inside" called the TARDIS.

SPOILER ALERT! If you aren't caught up with "Doctor Who," stop reading.

Karen Gillan and Arthur Darvill

Darvill said that having to "man up" so many times has changed Rory tremendously, making him "more assertive and slightly heroic"—even if he's a "bumbling hero." He also pointed out that a lot of Rory's deaths and heroics have come about because he puts himself in harm's way for others, especially for Amy.

"It's proved to him that even though all these incredible things have happened and all these horrible things have happened, his relationship with Amy is still the strongest thing in the world," Darvill told me. "It's very real and very good and he's still completely, wildly in love with her."

He proves that again in this Saturday's episode.

"It's called 'The Girl Who Waited,' so she's waiting for something and Rory has to go and find her and save her," Darvill teased. "But something's gone drastically wrong, which really tests them and pushes their emotions to the limits, really."

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Waffles, waffles and more waffles at South Loop eatery

By Lisa Arnett

Move over, pancakes. Excuse moi, French toast. **Waffles** (1400 S. Michigan Ave. 312-854-8572), the South Loop's newest breakfast joint is a communal table-filled shrine to the waffle in all of its crispy-edged, hot-from-the-iron glory.

There are other options on the menu, including omelets, salads and sandwiches served with (of course) waffle fries. But most diners are sticking with the namesake dish, which breaks the mold with more than a dozen options ranging from your basic fruit-topped Brussels-style waffle to eggs Benedict that trades the usual English muffin for a pair of seriously adorable mini-waffles. Taking its elaborate menu as a challenge, I gathered some hungry pals to dig into five of the most unique-sounding waffles on the menu.

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Cheddar and short rib waffle
($11.95)

With Wisconsin cheddar baked into the waffle and a few shreds sprinkled on top, this wasn't as cheesy as I hoped, though strips of braised beef short ribs were tender and flavorful. Without any sauce to speak of, some bites were a little drier than others. Maybe a little carafe of gravy made from the tasty meat juices would do the trick?

Red velvet waffles *($9.95)*

Much like a red velvet cake, the waffles' rich color was more prominent than the flavor, but that didn't prevent them from becoming the biggest crowd-pleaser at the table in the sweet-waffle category. A generous dollop of whipped cream cheese mimics the flavor of icing while cherry compote kicks in with much-needed tartness.

Mexican chocolate waffle *($9.95)*

My fellow waffle-eaters and I were expecting the rich and spicy flavor of chili-inflected Mexican hot chocolate, but the light dusting of chocolate shavings and spicy cocoa powder on this waffle didn't stand a chance against the orange creme anglaise on top, which overpowered and made the whole thing taste more like fruitcake.

Albondigas waffle *($11.95) (pictured above)*

Inspired by Mexican albondigas soup (which features meatballs in a tomato-based broth), the star of this dish is the tender pork-and-lamb meatballs, served alongside a chihuahua cheese waffle. But for the price, I wish the dish came with more than three meatballs; we had to slice 'em up pretty small to make sure we got a bit with every bite. The "spicy tomato stew," as described on the menu, was nicely zingy, and as with the meatball, we could have used more than a small pool. Though this waffle is made with chihuahua cheese, my tablemates were convinced it was identical to the cheddar waffle we tried. With a few tweaks, this could be a standout—and a killer hangover helper.

NEWS TICKER

« Chinatown restaurateur **Tony Hu** is at it again with another restaurant, **Lao Hunan** (2230 S. Wentworth Ave.). Following the lead of his other restaurants specializing in regional Chinese cuisine (Lao Beijing, Lao Shanghai and Lao Sze Chuan), this eatery is all about Hunan cuisine.

» **The Pump Room** (1301 N. State Pkwy.) opens in preview Monday to gear up for an Oct. 11 grand opening.

Green tea waffle *($9.95)*

If you like a sweet dish for breakfast but can't stand dipping into sugar-bomb territory, try this. The slightly sweet green tea waffle was a tasty match for fluffy Chantilly cream flavored with lemon and ginger. Though the menu says it's topped with candied violet, it sure looked like crystallized ginger to us, and the crunchy-chewy gems gave just the right punch.

» In closing news, **Cibo Matto** and **Flourish Bakery & Cafe** both close this weekend. Other closings include Lakeview Thai restaurant **Sura** and West Loop's **Mac & Min's**.

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Snacks on the move

By Lisa Arnett and Renee Mailhiot

The city's laws haven't budged yet to allow for on-board cooking on food trucks, but that hasn't kept new ones from revving their engines. Say hello to the newest entries in Chicago's food truck club.

NOW ROLLING

Bridgeport Pasty

This all-electric food truck serves three types of pasties (pronounced "past-ees") courtesy of a husband-and-wife team that grew up snacking on the savory hand-held pies. Fillings might include chicken curry, steak with potatoes or gruyere, spinach and mushroom.
Track it: By following **@BridgeportPasty** on Twitter

Culture, The Yogurt Society

The founder of former fro-yo mini-chain Berry Chill has made a comeback on wheels serving three flavors of nonfat fro-yo: original, pomegranate-blueberry and pina colada.
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MORE ONLINE » For more information on food trucks in Chicago, check out **chicago.metromix.com/foodtrucks.**

COMING SOON

Lillie's Q Meat Mobile

Charlie McKenna, chef/owner of Wicker Park restaurant Lillie's Q, plans to take his barbecue on the road with this truck stocked with pulled pork and chicken sandwiches. Choose your side dish (baked beans or coleslaw) and homemade sauce (smoky, hot smoky, Carolina, Carolina gold or ivory) and you're good to go.
ETA: Later this month
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Sweet Spot Macarons

This pale yellow van will specialize in macarons, those cute little French sandwich cookies with a crispy outside and creamy center. A half dozen flavors will include hazelnut, pistachio, strawberry, chocolate-espresso, caramel and passion fruit.
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Zullo's Food Truck

This farmers market favorite will sell calzones made with organic, locally sourced ingredients. Rotating fillings options might include homemade Italian sausage with mozzarella and tomato sauce or brie cheese, pears, walnuts and dried figs. Vegetarian and vegan options will be available, too.
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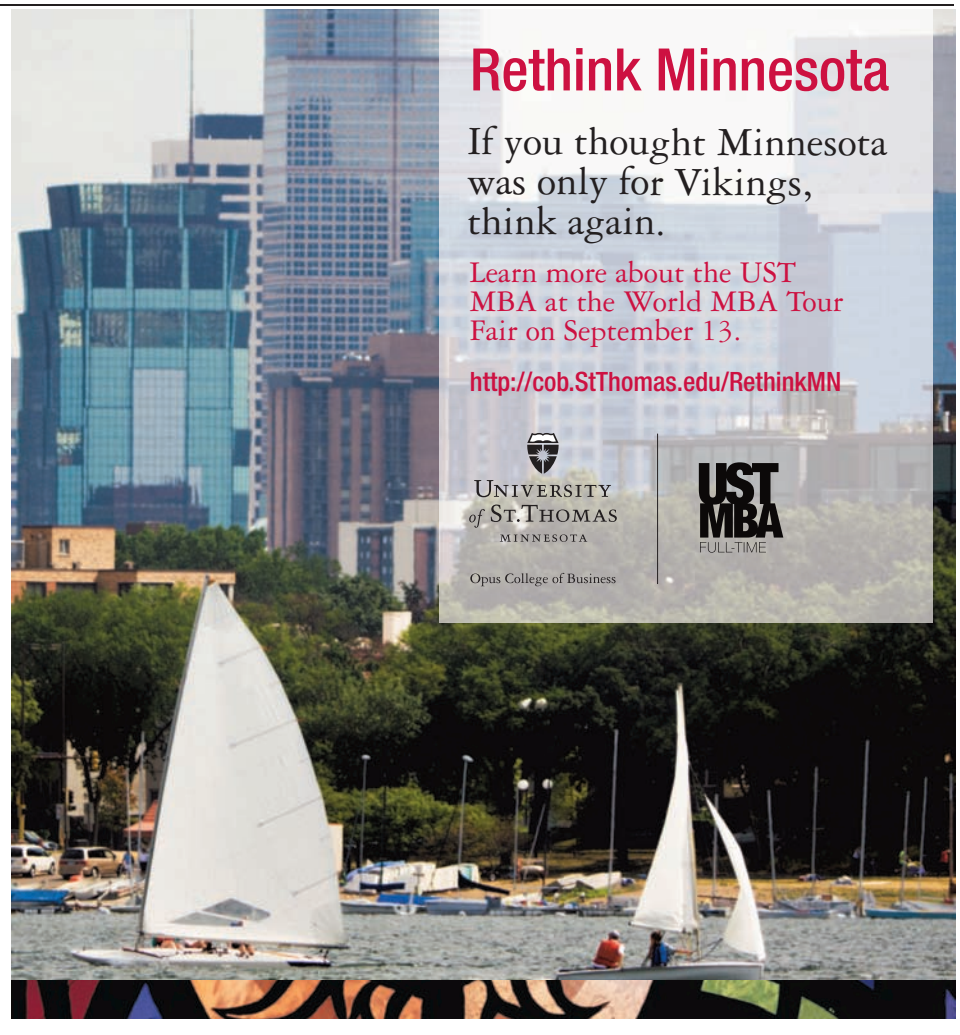

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Gaztro-Wagon's Matt Maroni is catching Lincoln Parkers' attention with small plates, brunch and a sweet little upstairs lounge.

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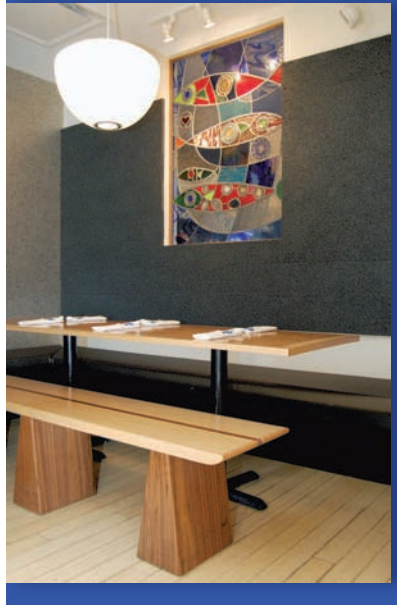

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5 TO CHECK OUT

By Sarah Freeman

Here's hoping you got paid today—Renegade Craft Fair returns to Wicker Park this weekend with more than 300 indie artists and a lot of craft supplies in tow, offering up wares from paintings and handmade jewelry to photographs, clothing, beauty products and more. Spend a little extra time at these five artists' stations we're excited to check out this weekend.

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Cordinated

From amplifiers to iPods, these crafters pimp out instrument cords by wrapping them in yarn. Regulars at the fair for the past three years, they introduce their new Cordinated Earbuds ($30) for colorful head-banging this weekend.

Debbie Carlos

Photographer Debbie Carlos specializes in large-scale black and white photos and oversize color prints. Most of her images capture nature scenes, but others merge nature with the modern world, such as bunnies sitting on hardwood floors ($37-$100). A limited edition 2012 calendar designed with brother Dante Carlos, a graphic designer, makes its debut at Renegade ($18).

iamhome

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Ex Libris Anonymous

Take outgrown Dr. Seuss picture books and forgotten middle school algebra textbooks, gut them, replace the fine print with blank pages and you have one of the most unique journals available ($13). Artist Jacob Deatherage salvages a few pages from each book and places them in the beginning of each journal for an extra dose of nostalgia.

Mimi Kirchner

Forget American Girl dolls: Mimi Kirchner makes dolls every Chicagoan—from hipsters to punk rockers—can see some resemblance in. The plush creations are covered in tattoos and sport mustaches; some are nerdy, others stylish. All are made with fabrics rescued from her mother's unused sewing collection ($75-$275).

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4-10 p.m. Friday,
3-9 p.m. Saturday

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Lincoln Square
5-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, noon-10 p.m. Sunday

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Little Village
6-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

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11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday,
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Archers of Loaf

All about A.V. Fest

Liner notes to guide you through A.V. Club's music fest

By Kyle Kramer

The A.V. Club makes no apologies about its efforts to appeal to a certain kind of pop culture nerd, and the lineup of its inaugural A.V. Fest at The Hideout this weekend makes it clear that this kind of pop culture nerd likes indie rock. Counting on a big turnout from the thick-framed-glasses-wearing, vinyl-B-sides-collecting set, we pulled together some festival liner notes.

Cherish the memories

Headliners **Archers of Loaf** (8:30 p.m. Sunday) and **Hum** (8:30 p.m. Saturday) are both standouts from the mid-'90s indie scene, but neither has succumbed to the pull of a reunion tour like many of their contemporaries. Each band is only playing a couple of dates this year, making their respective festival appearances particularly special occasions. It may have been awhile since these guys have played, but both bands turn out the kind of high-energy rock that can't help but be awesome.

Show up early

Although capacity isn't expected to be an issue, you'll want to catch Chicago supergroup **Like Pioneers** (1 p.m. Saturday), which features members of Bound Stems, the Narrator, Chin Up Chin Up and Vacations playing upbeat, polished indie pop reminiscent of something between The New Pornographers and a harder-rocking Belle and Sebastian.

Expect some camp

It's no secret that the A.V. Club writers are fans of campy cultural ephemera, as their highly specific and frequently bizarre "Inventory" lists ("15 songs that make diseases [real and imaginary] rock") make clear, so it makes sense that there are a few acts on the bill that seem willing to play up the cheese. Expect some goofiness from **Eef Barzelay** (4 p.m. Saturday), a folk rock singer covering Journey songs, and don't be surprised if buzz band **Cloud Nothings** (2:30 p.m. Sunday) draw out the kitsch in their '90s pop-punk sound.

Get into it

Ignore the indie rock temptation to watch with your arms crossed all weekend. **The Thermals** (7 p.m. Saturday) and **Tokyo Police Club** (7 p.m. Sunday) both make shout-along rock that is ideal for stomping, fist-pumping or dancing. So let go of the pose and enjoy the music.

A.V. FEST

Hideout
1354 W. Wabansia Ave.
Time: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
Cost: $10 suggested donation
Info: avclub.com/fest

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FEST FRIDAYS

Wine and dine

How to stay classy at this weekend's tasting fest

By Sarah Freeman

When a two-day festival brings 270 different reds, whites, rosés and champagnes to Buckingham Fountain, it's important to stay classy, Chicago. There really can be too much of a good thing—especially when that good thing contains about 13 percent alcohol. Here, locals who know the ins and outs of booze-apaloozas share tips for maintaining composure amid a sea of samples and spirits.

Don't swallow

One ticket is good for a souvenir glass to fill with 10 wine samples, plus one beer—which is plenty to leave even the average drinker stumbling a bit. Laura Keun of Free Parker Winery tells drinkers, "You can't taste all [the wines], unless you spit!" Spit buckets are conveniently located through the festival.

Pick your poison

Red or white? Mary Patton, publicist for the Windy City Wine Festival, said mixing multiple types of wine is a surefire route to drunk city. If you want to try both, sip only reds one day and whites the next.

Enjoy the extras

Take advantage of the food and entertainment on site to help you pace yourself before you break yourself. There's food from Caoba Mexican Grill and Bar, Markethouse Restaurant, Sullivan's Steakhouse and more. The Lloyd Dobler Effect performs both nights, and the Best of Belgium Café hosts seminars with chef Bart Vandaele, the national brand ambassador for Stella Artois, Hoegaarden and Leffe. Vandaele demonstrates how beer can be an affordable—yet fancy—beverage alternative.

Don't force it

"Don't drink wines you don't like," said Scott Janess, event organizer and owner of inPLAY Events. "It is impossible to consume every sample." Come to terms with the fact that there will be wines at the festival you may never get to try.

WINDY CITY WINE FEST

Buckingham Fountain
500 S. Columbus Drive
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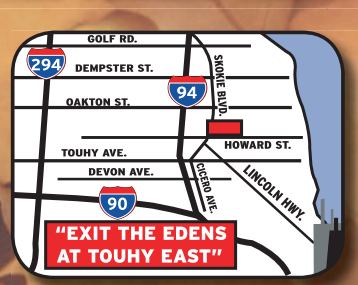

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WEEKEND'S TOP SHOWS

Tom Schraeder

8:30 p.m. Fri. $10. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

The Chicago singer-songwriter supports the new "Egoiste," and did you know he also made a short film? It's called "92 Tales" and is, says the press release, a "record in short-film format." Hmm ... . With The Clones.

Chris Thile and Michael Daves

9 p.m. Sat. $17. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

Nickel Creek alum Thile is no longer based in Chicago, but he's still a whiz on the mandolin. Obviously.

Alison Krauss and Union Station

8 p.m. Fri. Sold out. The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. 312-462-6300.

She's gotta miss working with Robert Plant. Once you go Zeppelin, you never go back.

FRIDAY

BOBBY V., JOHN BLU AND J NAN
8 p.m. $20. Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-603-6653.

CARBON LEAF, CHAMBERLIN, KEVIN FLYNN AND THE AVONDALE RAMBLERS
8:30 p.m. $15. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

CLOUDBIRDS, THE GLORY SINGERS
7 p.m. $8. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

GRAVE, BLOOD RED THRONE, PATHOLOGY, GIGAN, MORGUE SUPPLIER, AIR RAID
6 p.m. $22. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

HOT BUTTERED RUM, HONEY ISLAND SWAMP BAND
9 p.m. $15. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

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9 p.m. $6. Cafeteria y Restaurante de Pancho, 2200 N. California Ave. 773-772-7811.

I LOST CONTROL, KITTY DEVINE, THE PURCELLS, CLETUS DARBY
8:30 p.m. $8-$10. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

SATURDAY

DEL MCCOURY BAND, ROBBIE FULKS AND NORA O'CONNOR
7 and 10 p.m. $31-$35. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

EILEN JEWELL
9 p.m. $12. Fitzgerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

MARC BROUSSARD, SCARS OF 45, CHIC GAMINE
7:30 p.m. $20, etix.com. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 773-929-5959.

MARC RIBOT, DAVID SAFRAN
8 p.m. $25. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

MARCO ANTONIO SOLIS, ANA GABRIEL
8 p.m. $45-$175. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. 847-635-6601.

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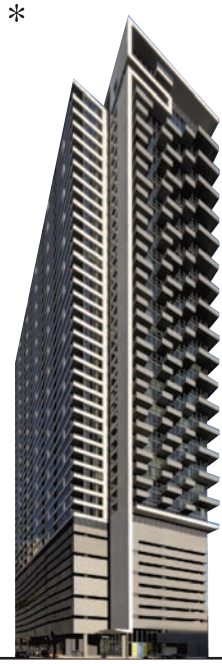

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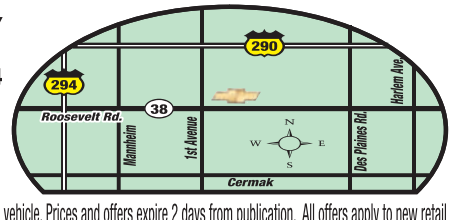

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BELL X1, Sunday, Nov. 13 ($15-$18, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

✽ **NOAH AND THE WHALE**, Friday, Nov. 11 ($20, 18+), Saturday, Nov. 12 ($20, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

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SATURDAY
PETER MURPHY, SHE WANTS REVENGE, HUSSLE CLUB, Saturday, Nov. 26 ($25, 18+) at Metro.

ON SALE NOON FRIDAY
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TODD SNIDER, ELIZABETH COOK, Friday, Nov. 11 ($22, 18+) at Park West.

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ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

✽ **JANE'S ADDICTION,** Saturday, Sept. 24, Sunday, Sept. 25 ($35, 18+) at Metro.

RUBBLEBUCKET, Friday, Oct. 14 ($15, 21+) at Double Door.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

@mattpais asks: Would you ever let a musician autograph your body? If so, who and where?

TWITTER

@tarahlorraine: Dave Grohl could sign my forehead so everyone would know he was there.

@Cylon_I3: No, unless you plan on removing the skin, but this isn't the Texas Chainsaw Massacre.

FACEBOOK

Amanda Whittington: my ultimate life goal is to have Elton John sign my shoulder blade and get it tattood over. for reals.

Yolanda Correa: Hell no!

Nelson A. Rodriguez: Lady Gaga on my Poker Face

Becca Barczykowska: No. That's tacky. Unless it's Lenny Kravitz. And he has full reign to sign wherever he so chooses.

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Alyssa Bitchmonster Bell: Oh yeah, lady gaga's John Hancock anywhere and everywhere!

Ryan Yepsen: I had a band sign the dashboard of my car once. I'd rather not say the band—it was 2002, I was in college, we all make musical mistakes.

Giovanni Hernandez: hell yeah! anyone i admire, and anywhere above the belt and then tattoo it! :D

Colette Apke: My mom had Iggy Pop sign her chest...after she danced on stage.

Gump Bea: Barry Manilow, on my ass

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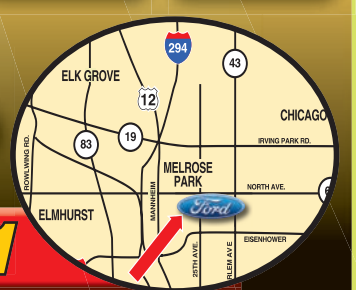

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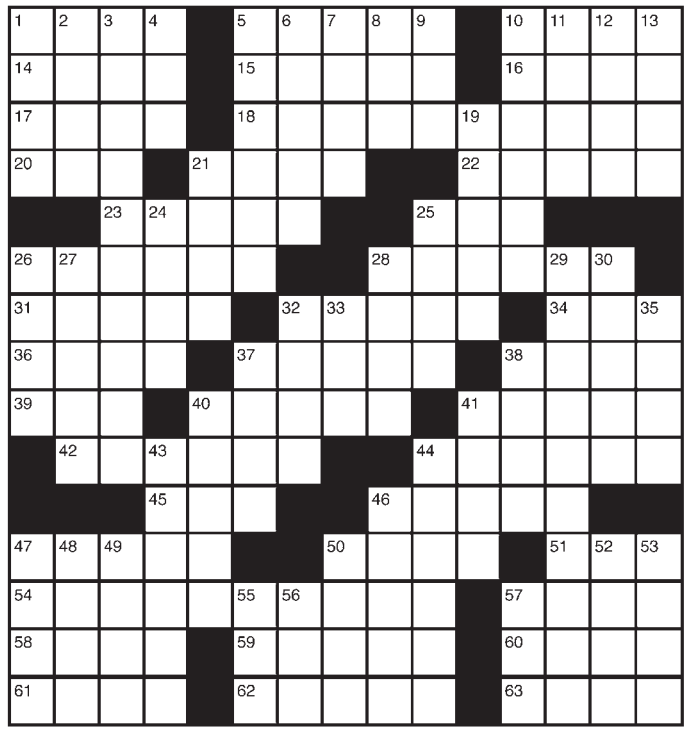

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34 Tree with red berries
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19 Actor Jeremy
21 "...lived happily _ after."
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25 Untamed
26 Fence opening
27 _ suspicion; irreproachable
28 Delight
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30 _ Zellweger
32 _ the line; obeyed
33 And so forth: abbr.
35 Dictionary entry
37 Grow weary
38 Train track piece
40 Take _; put forth effort
41 Asian nation
43 Ms. Goldberg
44 Rouse; incite
46 Ignoramus
47 "Yes, _"; polite response
48 "_ boy!"; encouraging
49 Air pollution
50 Hatcher or Garr
52 Mountaintop
53 _ and crafts
55 Faux _; gaffe
56 Sombrero, e.g.
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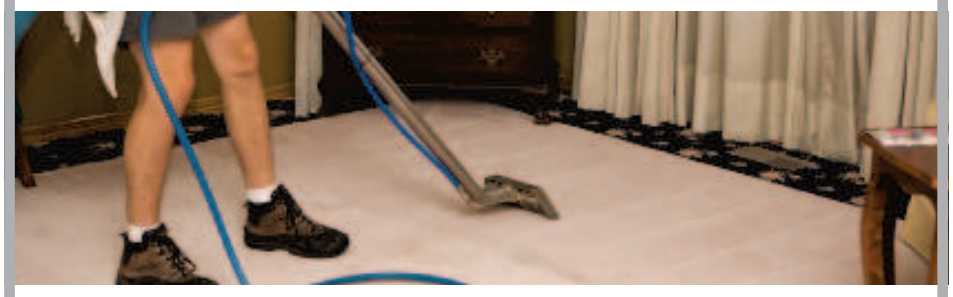

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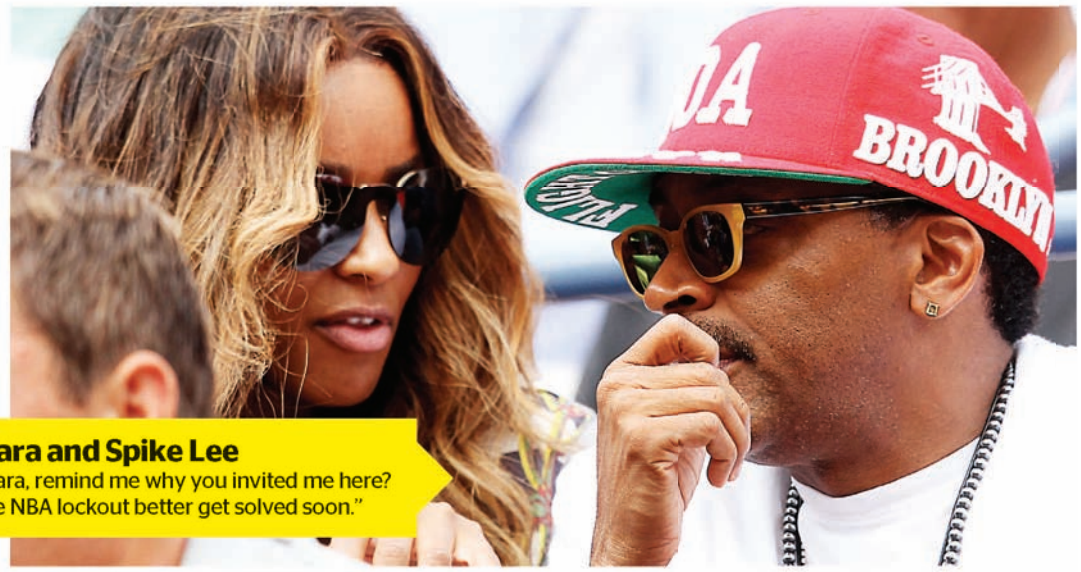
DID YOU KNOW?
Celebs have also been known to shack up with racket stars. **Andy Roddick** dated singer/actress **Mandy Moore** (left) in 2003 and 2004, and Anna Kournikova and steamy singer Enrique Iglesias have been an off-and-on item for years.

Blake Lively
Love, 15, 30, 40, game? Yeah, we think tennis scoring is confusing, too.



Ciara and Spike Lee
"Ciara, remind me why you invited me here? The NBA lockout better get solved soon."

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Amanda Seyfried
True or false? The next person to sit in that chair will have Amanda's shoe germs all over his or her back.

Vanessa Hudgens
Unofficial motto: "Bringing the pouty face everywhere I go, even dirty sports venues, since 2006."

Danielle Fishel
Topanga will always be a celebrity in our hearts, though how dare she keep her glorious hair stuck in a ponytail!

Game, set, watch

Which celebs have been spotted at the U.S. Open?

By Ariel Alexovich | REDEYE

To get to the highest heights of celebritydom, you've gotta have game. But every so often, stars are willing to give that up to watch someone else's game. (How generous of them.) Case in point: the U.S. Open in New York, where several tabloid faves have been spotted watching the likes of tennis superstars Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams advance through the tournament. Check out the photo highlights. ARIEL@TRIBUNE.COM | @MISSARIEL

Alexander Skarsgard
He looks as uncomfortable in sunlight as his vampire alter ego. (But, yeah, still handsome.)

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Rock on

First the "South Park" guys, now Green Day? It's going to be a big season for musicals in Chicago. Following the announcement that Trey Parker and Matt Stone's blockbuster "The Book of Mormon" is coming to Chicago, Broadway in Chicago said Thursday that the Green Day musical "American Idiot" is arriving at the Oriental Theatre in February.

Pauly D
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Life's a Sitch

DJ Pauly D doesn't dislike The Situation. He just doesn't make an effort to hang out with his "Jersey Shore" castmate. "He's a ... he's an interesting dude. ... I stay away from the drama, so I stay away from him a little bit," Paul DelVecchio told **pr.com**. Oh, poor Sitch.

Gwyneth Paltrow
REUTERS

Ashton Kutcher
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Sexy beast

Gwyneth Paltrow: recovering sex addict? If only. Paltrow will play one, though, in her next film, "Thanks for Sharing," **thr.com** reports. Paltrow will star as a successful businesswoman who falls for a fellow sex addict played by Mark Ruffalo. The script, which is being billed as a dramatic comedy, was penned by one of the writers from "The Kids Are All Right."

"WHATEVER I'M DOING, I'M JUST GOING TO DO IT NUDE. LET'S DO THIS."

—**Ashton Kutcher** on the season premiere of "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," which airs Monday

HOT DATE

SEPT. 24

That's when "Saturday Night Live" opens with Alec Baldwin as the host. Not coincidentally, Ben & Jerry's has released a new ice cream flavor, Schweddy Balls, based of course on the hilarious Baldwin sketch. The new flavor has a rum-spiked vanilla ice cream base with fudge-covered rum and malt balls.

Rapper's delight

It's a Lil Wayne world, and we're all living in it. The rapper received a record 18 nominations Thursday for the BET Hip Hop Awards, which film Oct. 1 and air Oct. 11. Here's the breakdown.

18 noms

Kanye West
9 noms

Wiz Khalifa
9 noms

Rick Ross
8 noms

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